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Lady Death lays down the gauntlet and claims Hell under her rule. Backed-up by Cremator and the entire population of the endless graveyard, she sets out to conquer all those who oppose her. Meanwhile, Leviatha, Lucifer's bride, is resurrected and learns that Lady Death is the one who defeated Lucifer. Lady Death encounters Thanatos, Lucifer's son, and the mysterious Soul Merchant. Amid their ruminations, Lady Death is attacked by Lady Demon, but that is impossible! They are one and the same.

in memory of

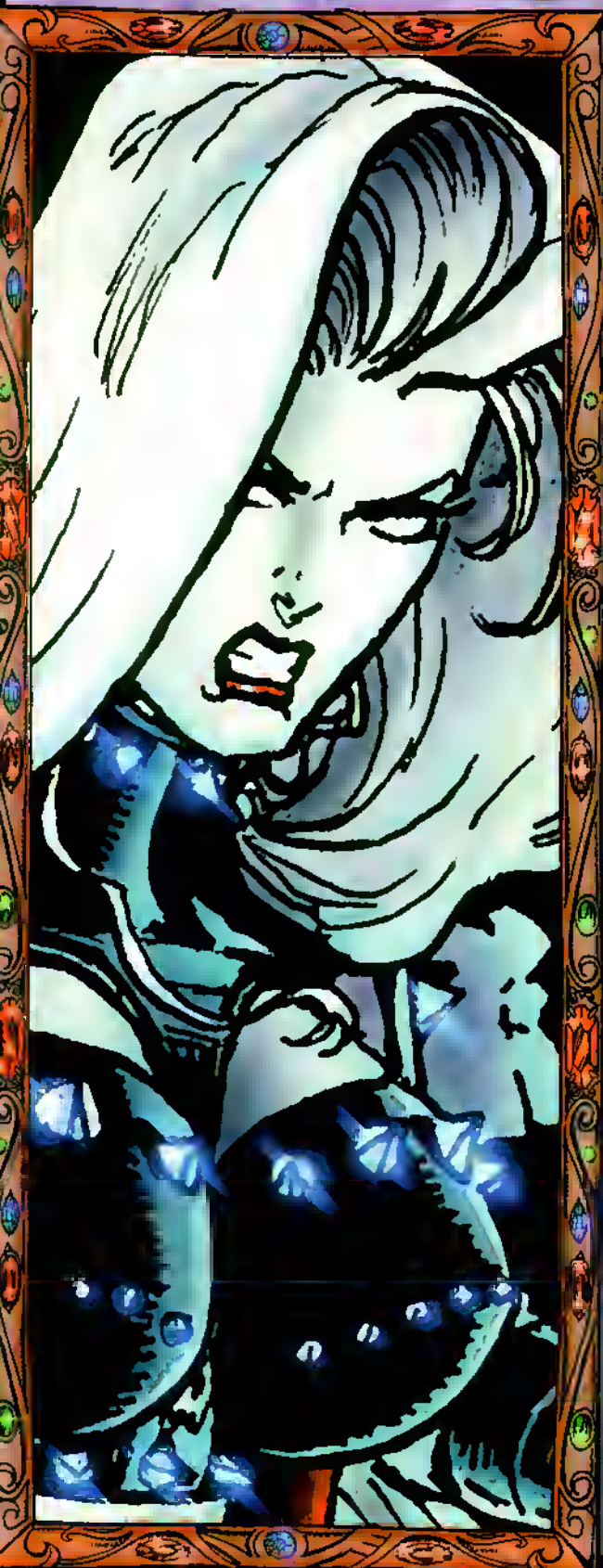
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HELL.

ARRGGHHH!

IN THE FORBIDDING SHADOW OF THE
FORTRESS OF THANATOS, HEIR
APPARENT TO DEPOSED LUCIFER.

IN DIABOLIC WARRIOR
LORE IT IS WRITTEN: WHEN
ANARCHY REIGNS, A TRUE
MASTER TAKES HOLD OF
THE CHAOS...

THAT
WAS LADY
DEATH'S
SCREAM!

...IF HE SURVIVES
THE CHAOS, THIS
MASTER WILL BE
STRONGER!

CREMATOR
IS A MAN OF
FEW WORDS,
BUT HE TAKES
THESE TO
HEART.

HALT!

THAT
WAS MY LADY
DOG! STAND
ASIDE OR I'LL
GO THROUGH
YOU!

IF MY
LADY... IS
INDEED MY
LADY!

I SCoured
HELL, HUNTING
LADY DEMON...
AND DISCOVERED
LADY DEATH.
INSTEAD! WHICH ONE
HAVE I SWORN
MY LOYALTY
TO?

I AM
SICK OF THE
CONFUSION! KILL
OR BE KILLED,
GIVE ME WAR
WITH FOES THAT
ARE WHAT THEY
SEEM!

ARRRGH!

CREMATOR WILL NOT GET HIS WISH TODAY. IN THE ECHOING VAULT WHERE LUCIFER'S SON RELISHES IN THE SUFFERING OF THE ETERNALLY DAMNED, HE SHALL FIND THANATOS, HIS EERIE SOUL MERCHANT, AND, NOT LADY DEATH, NOR LADY DEMON...

...BUT AN OBSCENE THING POSSESSED WITH THE THRASHING AGGRESSION OF BOTH!

BLOOD, POWERFUL BLOOD...

THERE IS SOMETHING PURE IN YOUR WICKEDNESS, DEMON, BUT YOU VEX ME! I HAVE NO TIME FOR ENTANGLEMENTS!

IF YOU WISH TO LIVE, STAY AWAY FROM LADY DEATH!

NOOO...

ADMIT IT, DEATH, YOU FEAR ME... I HAVE WHAT YOU DESIRE...

... ONLY BY MERGING WITH ME CAN YOU EVER DARE TO BE ANYTHING BUT ALONE!

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW WRONG YOU ARE, CRE

ARRGHH!

SHUCK

ARRGHH!



NO!

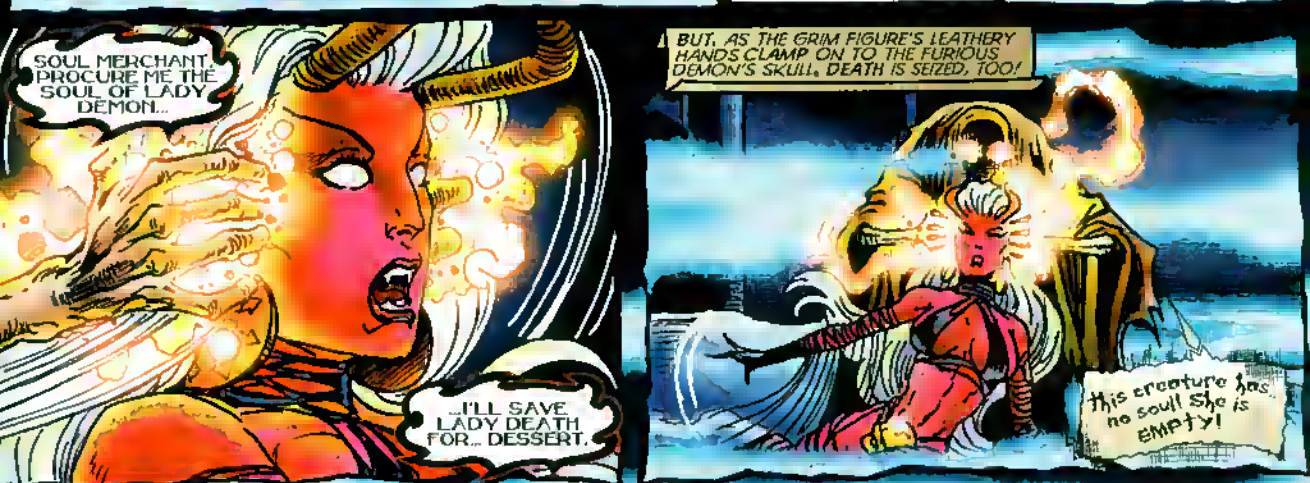
UNNNH
WHAT DID I
TELL YOU?



WHERE
NIGHTMARE
CUT LADY
DEMON, I
BLEED!

CAN IT BE
THAT EVEN IN
EXILE, LUCIFER
TORMENTS
ME?

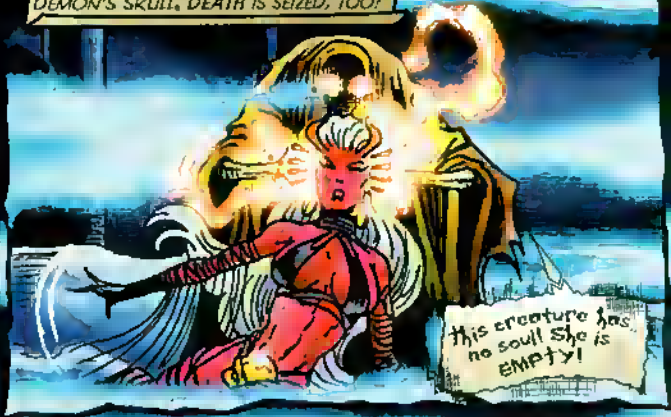
Oh, FATHER
WOULD HAVE BEEN
TICKED BY THIS!
HAVEN'T SEEN SUCH
FEMALE FURY SINCE
LILITH BLACK DAM WAS
EJECTED FROM EDEN!



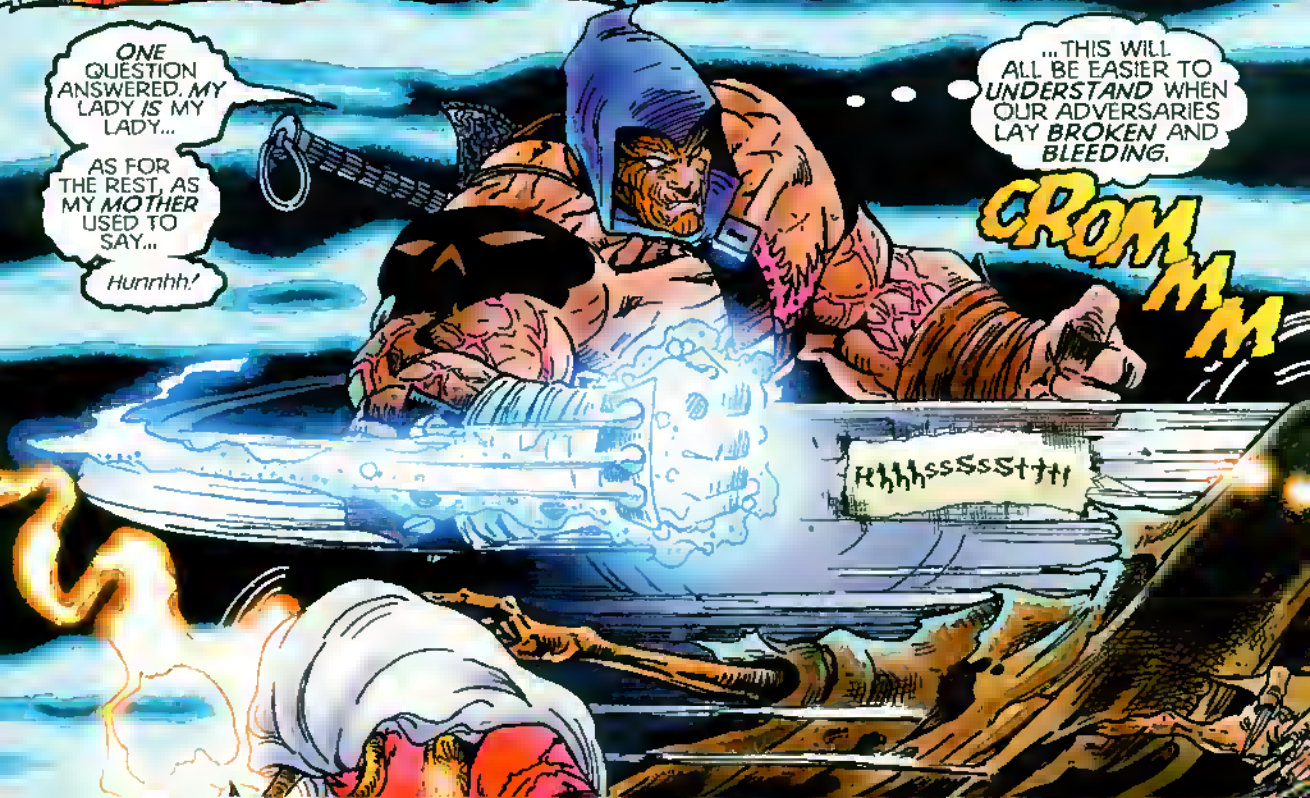
SOUL MERCHANT
PROCURE ME THE
SOUL OF LADY
DEMON...

...I'LL SAVE
LADY DEATH
FOR... DESSERT.

BUT, AS THE GRIM FIGURE'S LEATHERY
HANDS CLAMP ON TO THE FURIOUS
DEMON'S SKULL, DEATH IS SEIZED, TOO!



this creature has
no soul! She is
empty!



ONE
QUESTION
ANSWERED, MY
LADY IS MY
LADY...

AS FOR
THE REST, AS
MY MOTHER
USED TO
SAY...

Hunnnh!

...THIS WILL
ALL BE EASIER TO
UNDERSTAND WHEN
OUR ADVERSARIES
LAY BROKEN AND
BLEEDING.

CROM
M
M

Rhhsssstttt



DON'T
YOU DARE
DISMISS ME!
I KNOW YOU
INTIMATELY!

I KNOW
YOUR
LONGINGS!

WHY
ARE YOU
COLD, ALOOF,
BRUTAL... UN-
HAPPY?

WHAT
YOU NEED...
IS INSIDE ME!
AND I NEED
YOU!
IMAGINE --

SEE LADY
DEATH
BETWEEN
HEAVEN AND
HELL #3-41

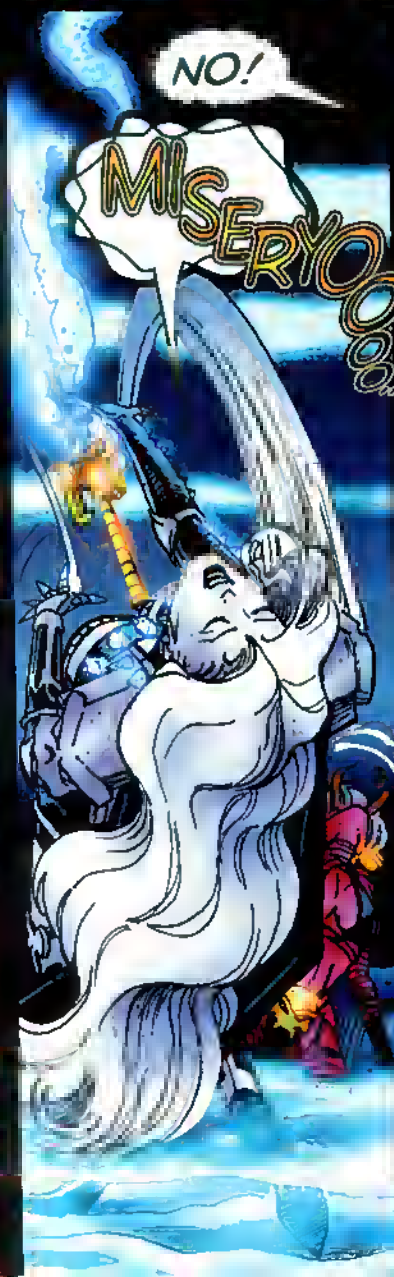


M'LADY,
WAIT!

IF I
EVER FLAP
MY TONGUE AS
MUCH AS YOU
DO, LITTLE
DEMON...

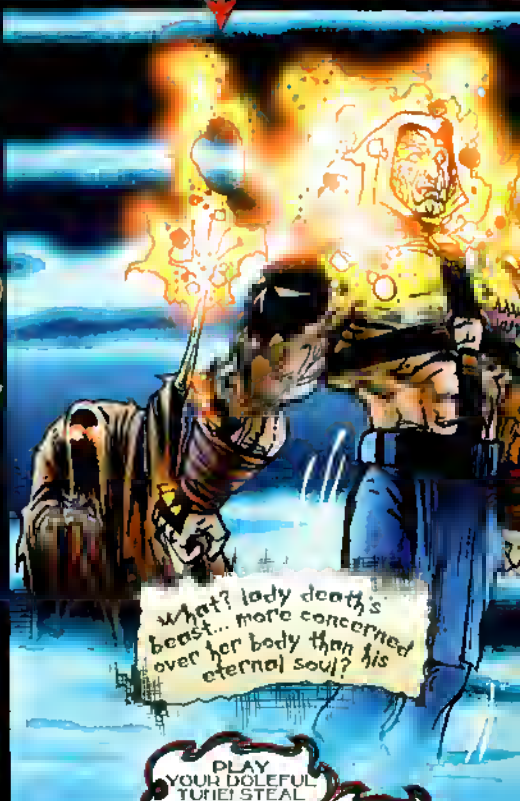
...PUT
ME OUT
OF MY...

WU
WU
WU



NO!

MISERYO



What? lady death's
beast... more concerned
over her body than his
eternal soul?



PLAY
YOUR DOLEFUL
TUNE! STEAL
AWAY, SOUL
MERCHANT...

I SHALL
PLUCK
DISDAINFUL
DEATH LIKE
AN ANGEL'S
WINGS!

Ooohhh...

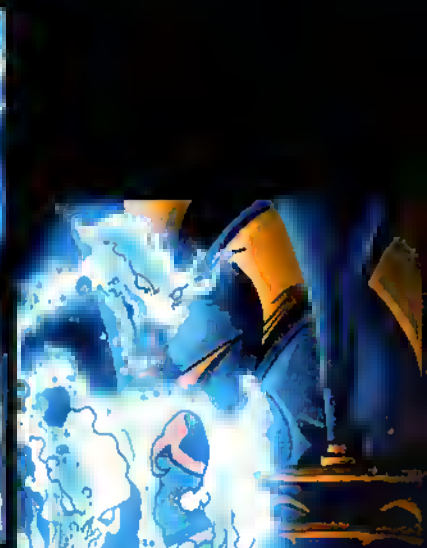


EH?

Hssssttt!

PROTECT
LADY!

Yesss...
WE'LL NEVER
DRINK THE
BLOOD OF
HEAVEN...



...IF WE
CAN'T KEEP
THE LADY
FIGHTING!

THIS
ONE WILL
FEED US TILL
SHE WAKES!

Ohhh...

STAY
BACK! DO
YOU REALIZ
WHO I AM?

THE
ARCHDUKES
ANointed ME
RULER OF
HELL!

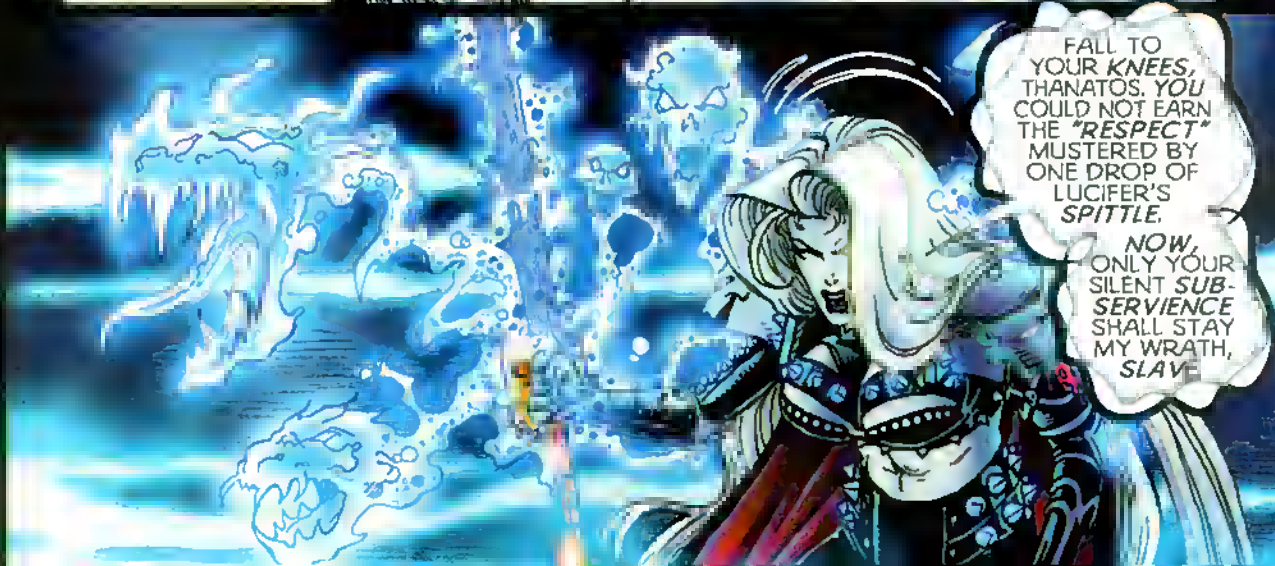
THE SWORD... OR THE
MALEVOLENT ENERGY
POSSESSING IT... FIGHT
ON WHETHER I AM
CONSCIOUS OR NOT!

WHAT A HORROR...
OR, PERHAPS, WHAT
A PERFECT WEAPON
FOR THE TRUE
RULER OF HELL.



SHOW
ME THE
PROPER
RESPECT O
SUFFER
THE

RESPECT



FALL TO
YOUR KNEES,
THANATOS. YOU
COULD NOT EARN
THE "RESPECT"
MUSTERED BY
ONE DROP OF
LUCIFER'S
SPITTLE.

NOW,
ONLY YOUR
SILENT SUB-
SERVENCE
SHALL STAY
MY WRATH,
SLAVE



OOOHH, BABY GIRL. THAT IS A CHILLING PICK UP LINE. HA HAI

AFTER I'VE HAD YOU, AND DISCARDED WHAT'S LEFT OF YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HIDE...

...THAT ATTITUDE WILL TAKE YOU FAR MMM-HMMM.

WHY, I HEAR ASMODEUS IS ALWAYS DESPERATE FOR WHIPPING GIRLS TO REPLENISH HIS PLEASURE PITSI

HAHH!

CREMATOR! RESIST THE SOUL MERCHANT

YOUR WILL -- NNNHHH -- IS STRONGER THAN HIS!

HA-HA-HA!

SHAHUUCKK

I EXPECTED -- NOTHING LESS -- THAN CRUEDEST -- OBSTINATE TREACHERY FROM YOU, BOY --

YOUR SIRE -- WOULD HAVE SHOWN -- MORE PANACHE!

I THRASHED DREAD CYRANUS!

SHUT YOUR SPOUT HOLE WOMAN!

I MAY HAVE GROWN SOFT IN THESE... CHALLENGING TIMES. BUT I WRESTLED HELL'S CHAMPIONS IN MY YOUTH!

SSSHHHH

DID YOU NOW?

I HEARD
YOU WHIMPERED
FOR *MERCY*, THEN,
WHILE *CYRANUS*
NEARLY CHOKED WITH
LAUGHTER, YOU
GRABBED HIM BELOW
THE BELT AND
SQUEEZED!

Not
No one...
Resist...

HUH?
GONE.
COWARD.

HHNNHHH!
SOUL
MERCHANT...
...I'M
GOING TO BE
WASHING YOUR
RANCID PULP
FROM MY
GAUNTLETS FOR
DAYS --

THE *HERD*
KNOWS THE
SCENT OF A
NEW LEADER,
CREMATOR.
AND LADY
DEMON?

M'LADY...
EVEN
THANATOS'
ELITE GUARD
HAS FLED.

VANISHED.

Hsssstt STAY
BAAACK!

THERE
IS A *SMALL*
TASTE OF
HIS FATHER
IN HIM...

DO YOU *REALIZE...* WHEN
SHE WAS INJURED, YOU
WERE INJURED?

YES.
WHATEVER
BEFALLS ONE,
BEFALLS US BOTH
FOR NOW, LET
THAT BE *OUR*
SECRET...

WHATEVER
IT TAKES... TO
WIN...
UHHRRRAKK

...BUT
SPREAD
THE WORD
THROUGHOUT
HELL -- I WANT
LADY DEMON...
ALIVE

SPEAK,
CREMATOR,
WHAT'S
TROUBLING
YOU
NOW?

NOTHING.
I WAS ABOUT
TO SAY --

IT IS
GRATIFYING
TO FIGHT AT
YOUR
SIDE ONCE
MORE.

FOR CREMATOR ONE
CRUCIAL QUESTION
HAS BEEN ANSWERED.

AND THE LADY, EVER STEAMY, REMOTE,
AND ELEGANT, RETURNS TO HER LEGIONS
TO FILL THE DEAD OF COUNTLESS WARS
WITH DANGEROUS PURPOSE.

THE JUDGEMENT WAR
IS A CAUTIONARY TALE,
MERE WORDS, TO HELL'S
JADED ARISTOCRACY.

WE LACK
THEIR NOBLE BLOOD,
SO TO THEM, WE
ARE HELL'S WASTE
PRODUCT!

BEHOLD THE
PRICE THANATOS
PAID TO LEARN
WHAT WE ALREADY
KNOW... WHO IS
THE CHOSEN
ONE!

WHO WILL
DECIDE THE
OUTCOME
OF THE
JUDGMENT
WAR?

I SAY
THE ARCH
DUKES ARE
READY FOR
THEIR
LESSON...

HELL
RALLIES BEHIND
LADY
DEATH!

DEATH!

LADY
DEATH!

YOU
ARE THE
CHOSEN
ONE!



HELL HAS NEVER KNOWN A LEADER LIKE LADY DEATH. THE TRUTH REMAINS, HOWEVER-- HELL HAS NEVER RALLIED BEHIND ANYONE.

IT'S EVERY DEMON FOR HIMSELF!

AHHHH

SEANCE, HELL'S SORCERER MYSTIC, KNOWS THAT... TOO WELL.

AND IT GRATES AT HIS CONCENTRATION AS HE WATCHES NEW HORRORS UNRAVEL...

EEEEEE

HELP US LUCIFER

WHAT NOW, ANOTHER STAMPEDE OF THE TORMENTED AND THEIR TORMENTORS?

THESE CREATURES HAVE SEEN ETERNITY... AND IT COMES TO UNDO THEM.

ARRGHH!

FASCINATING. IT'S A SHAME I CAN'T RETURN HERE-- THE SPLATTER- PATTERNS OF THE CARNAGE MIGHT PROVE A POWERFUL ORACLE!

BUT IN MOMENTS, THERE WILL BE NO "HERE!"

EVEN LEVIATHA'S POWER TO VOID MATTER PALES NEXT TO THIS ENCROACHING... NON-EXISTANCE!

IS LUCIFER'S DISCORPERATION AT CAUSE? NO! HELL WAS SPOKEN INTO CREATION AT GOD'S GENESIS! LORD LUCIFER DID NOT CREATE--

UNLESS MY MASTER, THE PRINCE OF LIES, LIVED A LIE, HIMSELF-- AND DIED WITHOUT EVER APPRECIATING THAT DARK IRONY!

I HAVE NO ANSWERS, BUT IN LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS, MY ANALYSIS WILL BE MOOT...

...FOR BY THEN, IT WILL BE... AS IF HELL HAD NEVER BEEN CREATED!

IN THE MEPHISTOPHELIAN CHAMBER OF THE SUMMER PALACE OF ASMODEUS, PATRON DEVIL OF LECHERY AND LEWDNESS...

...THOSE ARCH DUKES OF HELL WHO LOWERED THEMSELVES TO ASSEMBLE DO WHAT THEY DO-- POSTURE, BICKER AND COMPLAIN TILL MORNING LIGHT.

BESIDES HER OBVIOUS ATTRACTIONS, WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THIS LADY DEATH?

LADY DEMON NOT LADY DEATH!

THE MEAT IN MY PITS ASSURED ME THAT LADY WHAT- EVERRR WAS ONE OF HOARY OLD LUCIFER'S BAUBLES! NOW THE WORD IS, SHE FRAGGED THE OLD GOAT!

HAVE ANOTHER DRINK, ASMODEUS! I TOLD YOU, LUCIFER'S ALIVE, IN HIDING, THE BETTER TO SPY ON ME.

YOU THINK I'M BLIND, BUT I KNOW, ONE OF YOU IS IN LEAGUE WITH HIM; PRAY I DON'T DISCOVER WHO!

OH, PLEASE, DOES THE CREATURE COME FROM A FAMILY WE KNOW? NO! SHE'S NOT OF NOBLE BLOOD!

I AM LOATHE TO QUIBBLE WITH FELLOW ARCH-FIENDS, BUT THIS LADY DEATH CRISIS SEEMS A CONSPIRACY TO STEAL ATTENTION FROM MY NEW TORMENT IMPLEMENT--

HSSST!! I CAN'T SSSTOMACHE YOUR INSUFFERABLE POSTURING!

YOU SSSTOOGES HAVE SUCCUMBED YET AGAIN TO HOSSTILE IN- FIGHTING, ON THE EVE OF WAR, WITH THE REST OF CREATION AGAINST USSSS!!

KOBAL, DO US A FAVOR, GO SIT ON ONE OF YOUR SPEARS TILL YOU FEEL BETTER, HUH?

WHAT? WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT NOW? IS THERE MORE IGNEOUS WINE?

THE LADY EVISCERATED THAT MINOR PLAYER AND TRESOME FOOL, VULBOGLASH, MOST ARTFULLY, BUT HER RHETORIC AMONGST THE BASE CITIZENRY IS DANGEROUS.

SHE TALKS OF RALLYING THE REALM AROUND A SOLE SOVERIEGN!

HA! DREAM ON, WENCH...

SSSSO WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT, ASSSMODEUSSS?

THE LITTLE SOW HAS ASSUMED COMMAND! MY DEAR FIENDS... CAN WE ALLOW THIS MOCKERY OF--

DON'T GET HIM STARTED...

MY PEERS, JUST ONCE, LISTEN TO ME--

YOU SSSSIMPERING PUSSSBAG!

WE HAVE TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THIS WENCH--

ARCH-FIENDS, DREAD LORDS, UNSPEAKABLE AUTHORITIES, AND POTENTATES MOST VILE! I BEAR A MESSAGE!

DON'T GET UP ON MY ACCOUNT... ALL I HAVE TO ADD TO YOUR LITTLE MEETING OF THE MINDS IS...

LADY DEATH... IS COMING... AND YOU... ARE NEXT...

ATER...

WE MUST
RID YOU OF
THIS SWORD'S
CURSE

...UNDER HER FORTRESS, IN
THE STYGIAN FORGE OF
CREMATOR, BLACKSMITH
OF THE DAMNED.

LADY DEATH FACES
HERSELF... AND THE
TRUTH.

WHAT
DO YOU KNOW
OF THE BLADE'S
ORIGIN?

NIGHTMARE
WAS GIVEN TO
ME BY BROCK,
A TROLL. ODIN'S
LEAPONSMAKER.

AGREED

IT'S WELL-
FOLDED METAL
ISSUES FROM DARKNESS
AND MANY OTHER SEASONED
WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION.
BUT THE SPELLS, THE MYSTIC
ENERGIES THAT POSSESS THE
BLADE... WHAT ARE THEY?

ALL I KNOW IS, I
WILL DO ANYTHING...
ANYTHING... TO BE
FREE FROM THEM,
FOREVER.

No!

I WANT TO
BE... MYSELF
AGAIN.

MISTRESS...
YOU WILL... REGRET
THIS...

WITH CREMATOR STANDING
GUARD, LADY DEATH SEEKS
UNTRoubLED REST UPON
WELL-WORN BONES, SOFT
DOWN, AND SCENTED SILK.

IN DREAMS, MORTALS
LUXURIATE IN THE GRACE
OF COMING GENTLY TO
THIS BED -- THOUGH NONE
AWAKEN FROM THE PLEASURE

BUT TONIGHT, SILK IS SAND-
PAPER, AND THE LADY
SHAKES LIKE A SICK CHILD.

IT'S BEEN AN
HOUR, BUT IT FEELS
AN ETERNITY! I FEEL AS
WEAK, AS INSECURE AS
I WAS WHEN I CALLED
MYSELF HOPE!

DAMN
YOU!

NO,
M'LADY.
PLEASE...

DON'T
TOUCH
ME!

WEAKER!

CONTINUE
THIS INTERFERENCE
AND YOUR HEAD
WILL SWING NEXT TO
THANATOS'!

AAHHH...

YESSS...

...IT IS
GRATIFYING...
...TO
FIGHT AT YOUR
SIDE AGAIN
HAHAHA!

CREMATOR,
TO BATTLE.

I WILL FREE
MYSELF OF THIS...
DISEASE... BUT
ONLY WHEN HELL
IS MINE!

TILL THEN, A
SWORD ADDICTED
TO BLOOD IS THE
LEAST OF OUR
WORRIES.

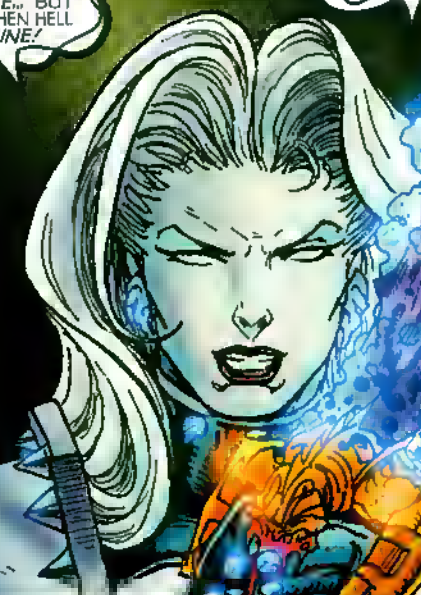
NIGHTMARE!
COME TO ME...

OH, NO...
YOU WOULD DO
ANYTHING TO BE
FREE OF NIGHTMARE
FOREVER!
HAHAHA!

I DIDN'T
KNOW... WE
WERE...

WE ARE
INSEPARABLE

CRAWL!
BACK TO THE
BLADE THAT MAKES
YOU WHAT YOU
ARE, THEN...



SILENTLY, CREMATOR WORRIES,
"IT ISN'T THE WEAPON'S
ADDICTION THAT TROUBLES ME."

BUT THE STEADFAST
SOLDIER FOLLOWS
HIS LADY.

WHILE, SECLUDED IN THE INFERNAL
THEATER, HELL'S HOUSE OF PRIVATE
SORROW, LADY DEMON FIGHTS
PARALYSIS IN DESPERATE WORRIES
OF HER OWN.

I BURNED
WITH DESTRUCTIVE
PLEASURE WHEN I
WAS YOUNG! I WAS
LUCIFER'S AVATAR OF
PERFECT EVIL! WHY DID
I EVER QUESTION THAT
EXISTENCE?

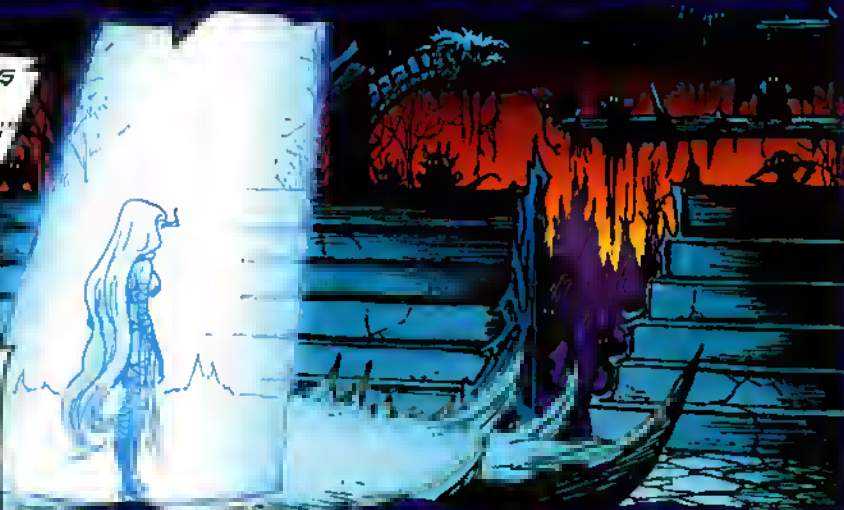
MY DESIRE
FOR LADY DEATH
WAS TORTURE...



... BUT ACCEPTING
THAT I AM... A
SOULLESS VESSEL...
IS SHATTERING!

Courage, my
savage beauty...

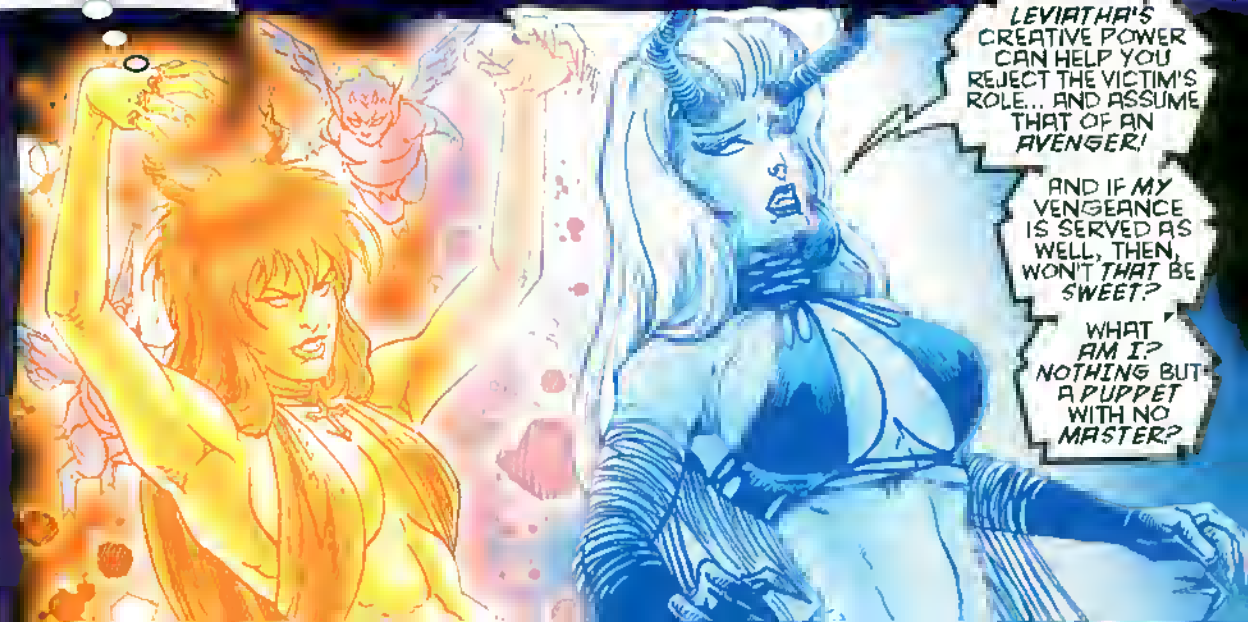
...you have been
STALKED by one
who traces the
cold trail of the
Prince of Lies.
And now, if you
will give in to...
TEMPTATION...



LEVIATHA'S
CREATIVE POWER
CAN HELP YOU
REJECT THE VICTIM'S
ROLE... AND ASSUME
THAT OF AN
AVENGER!

AND IF MY
VENGEANCE
IS SERVED AS
WELL, THEN,
WON'T THAT BE
SWEET?

WHAT
AM I?
NOTHING BUT
A PUPPET
WITH NO
MASTER?



AT THE PALACE OF
ASMODEUS...

ARCH DUKES
OF HELL, I CAN
HEAR YOUR DINING
TABLE GRDANING FROM
THE WEIGHT OF YOUR
GLUTTONY!

AND YET, YOU
SEEM UNABLE
TO DIGEST MY
MESSAGE!

WHEN LADY
DEATH SPEAKS,
ANSWER!

THE ARCH DUKES
CAN'T FATHOM WHAT
THEY COULD LEARN
FROM YOU,
M'LADY.

HELL IS
GREATER THAN
THEY CAN IMAGINE.
LET'S EXTERMINATE
THEM.

FOR THE LAST
TIME: ARE YOU WITH
ME OR AGAINST
ME?

KROOOOWN

FORMER
ARCH DUKES...
THOUGH TRUE
EATH DOES NOT
EXIST IN HELL...

... YET...

I SWEAR
I SHALL MAKE
YOU BEG FOR
IT!

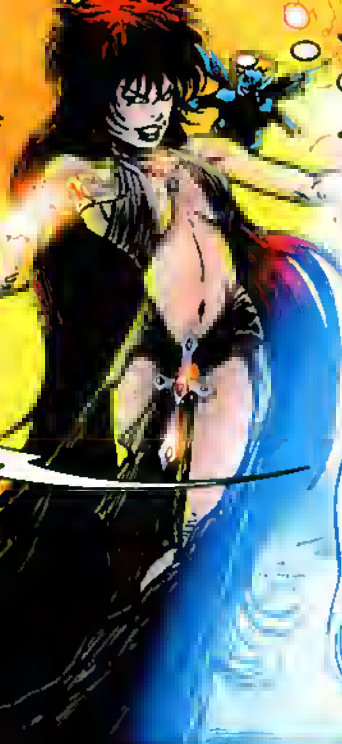
THIS IS HERESY, PALE RIDER!
YOU ARE CONDEMNED, BY
THE CHALICE AND THE
BLADE...

...BY THE
SPEAR THAT
WOUNDED THE
SAVIOR OF MAN, AND
BY ALL THAT IS
UNHOLY.

OH, BITE ME,
YOU RELIGIOUS
RELIC. DOES SHE
GIVE A DAMN FOR
YOUR ICONS?

THIS
LITTLE BABY-
GIRL IS AN
ICON. HERSELF!
HAHAHA!

THE INFERNAL THEATER...



Yes... you
FEEL me,
DON'T you?

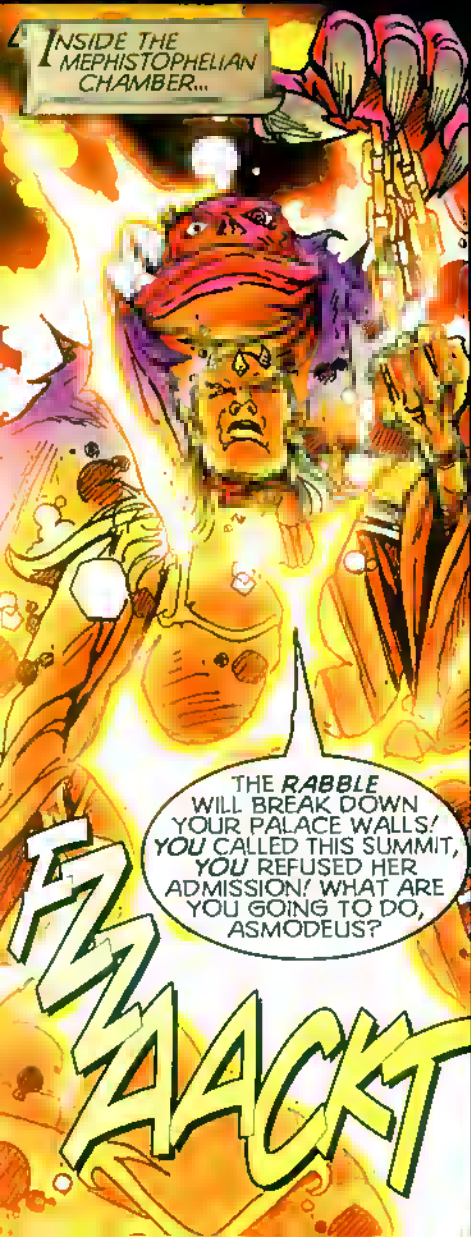
Your emptiness
begins to swell
with my
righteous anger!

I AM SOULLESS.
MY DESIRES WERE
INHERITED FROM OTHERS.
BUT THAT WAS THE
PAST!
I SURVIVED
LUCIFER'S DESTRUCTION,
AND THE PAIN OF MY
UNTIMELY DIVISION
FROM LADY DEATH!
I WILL SURVIVE
THIS, TOO!



AND I
WILL HAVE
VENGEANCE!

INSIDE THE
MEPHISTOPHELIAN
CHAMBER...



FZZACKT

THE RABBLE
WILL BREAK DOWN
YOUR PALACE WALLS!
YOU CALLED THIS SUMMIT,
YOU REFUSED HER
ADMISSION! WHAT ARE
YOU GOING TO DO,
ASMODEUS?



BAH!
REBELLION IS THE
INDIGESTION OF THE
REALM. AFTER THE
RUMBLING AND A BIT
OF FOUL AIR...

...WE'LL
BE BACK TO
BUSINESS AS
USUAL!

SSSHOOMP



NO! THIS
UPSTART DEATH MUST
KNEEL TO BEG OUR
FORGIVENESS...

...I'LL FORGIVE
HER BY LETTING
HER LOAN ME HER
SSSKULL FOR A
GOBLET, HER FLESSH
TO LINE MY BATTLE-
BOOTSSS!

AS THE FOUL
STENCH CLEARS...



COME,
GENTLEMEN, LET
US SHOW THE
LADY OUR TRUE
FACES...

YESSS! WE
WEREN'T MADE FOR
DEBATE, BUT FOR
DESSSTRUCTION!

THE
WENCH WILL
KNOW HER
PLACE.

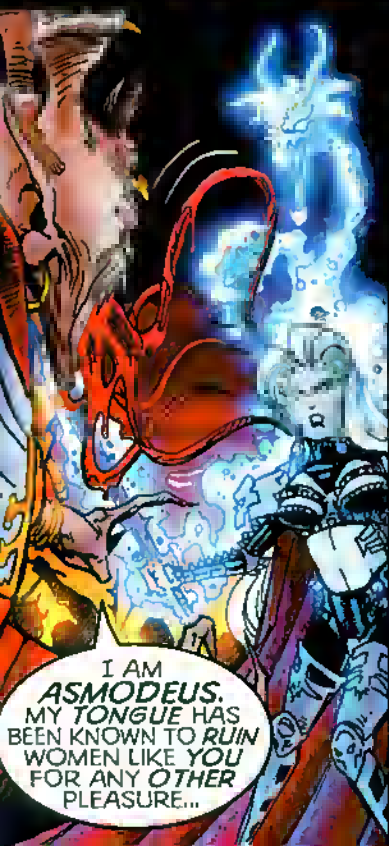
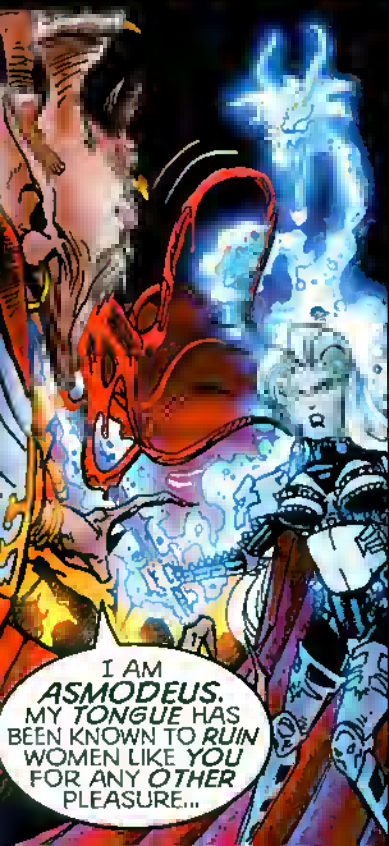
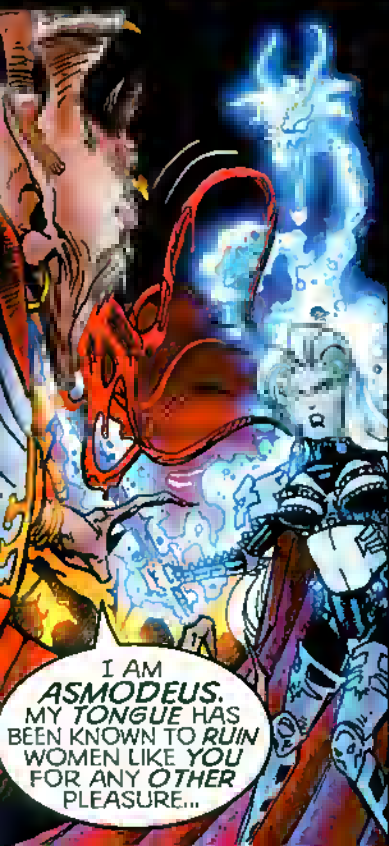
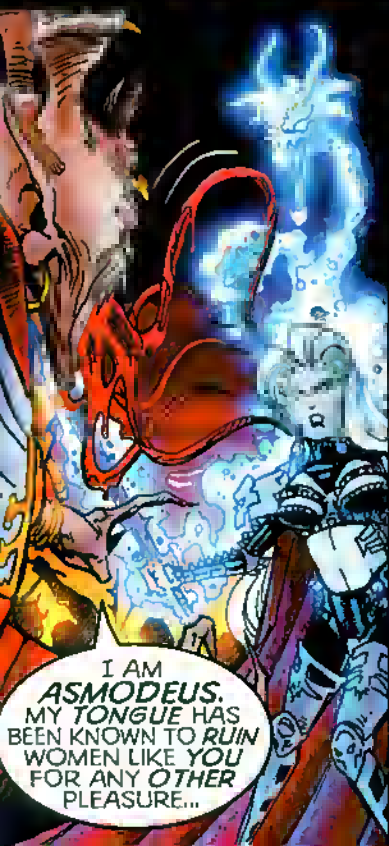
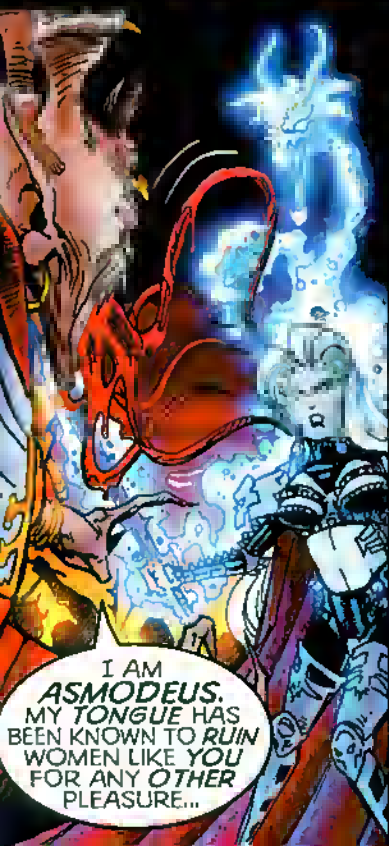
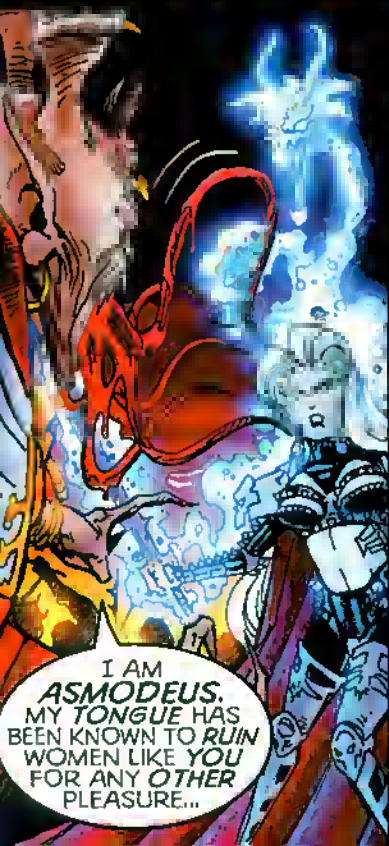
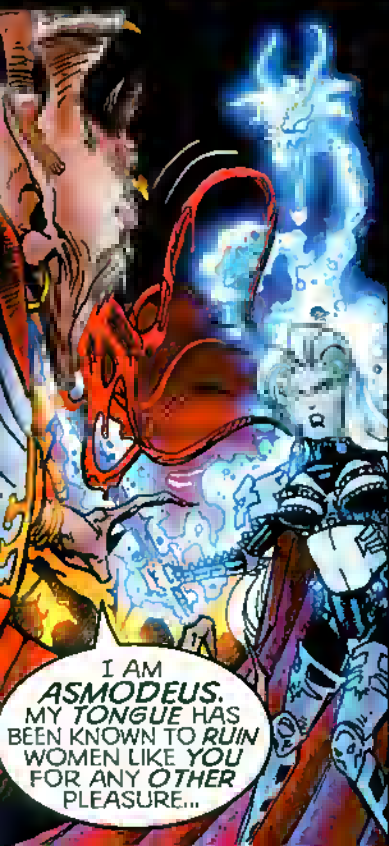
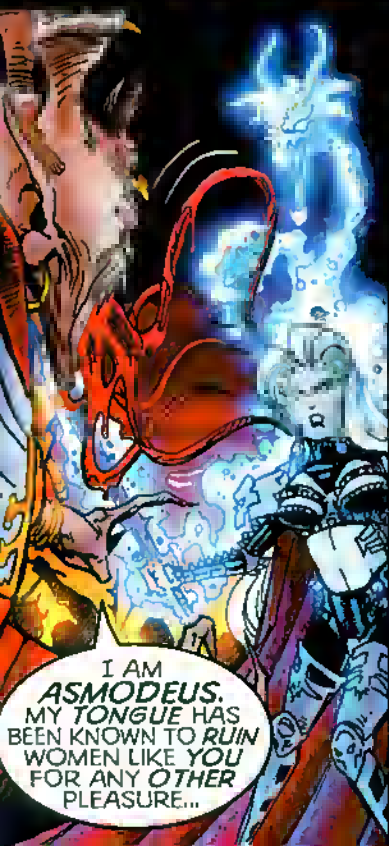
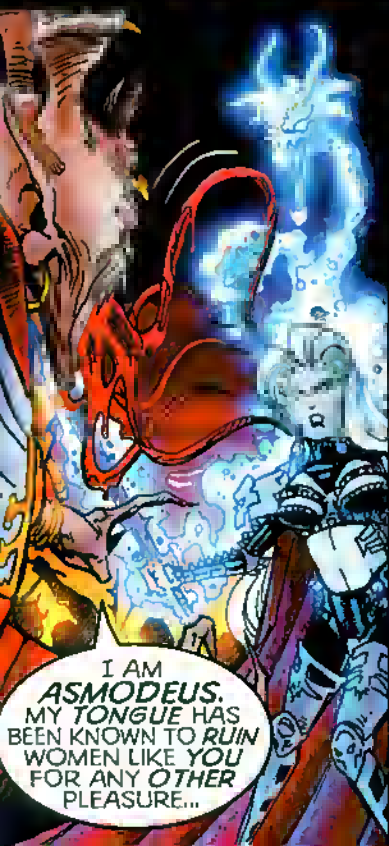
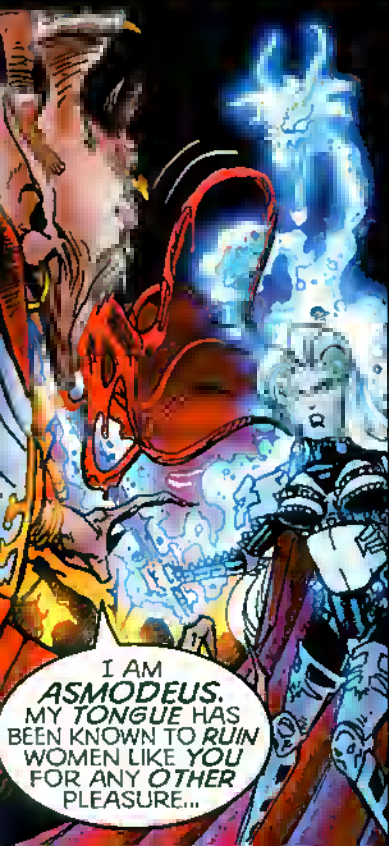
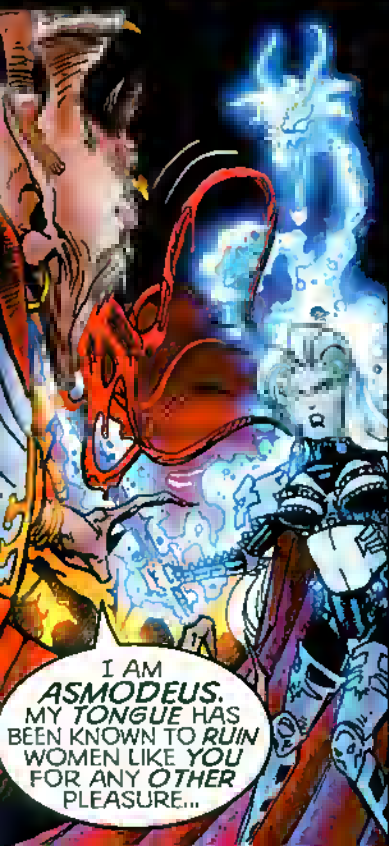
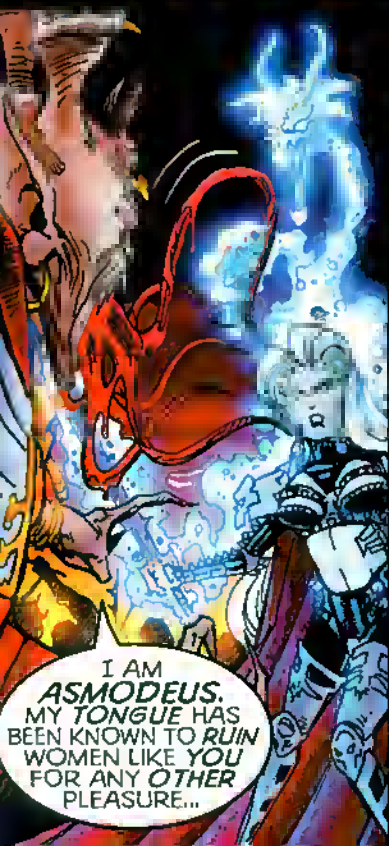
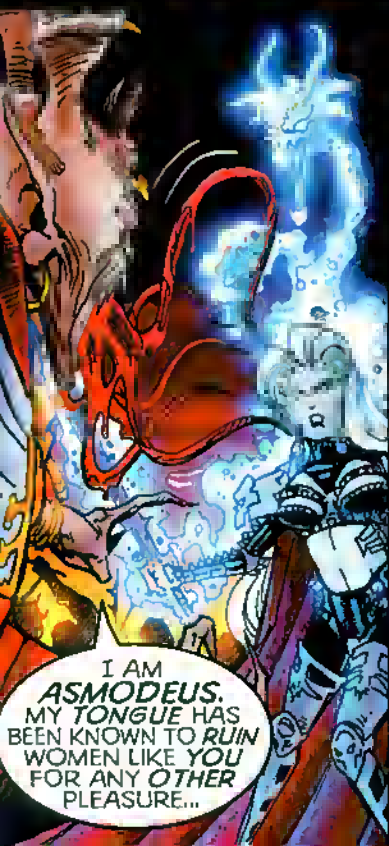
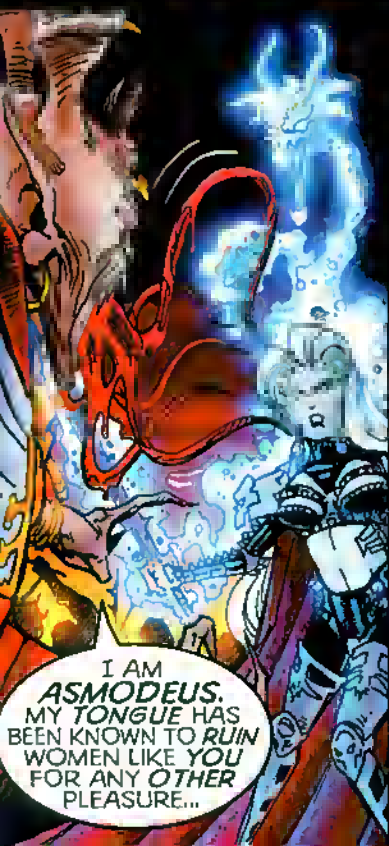
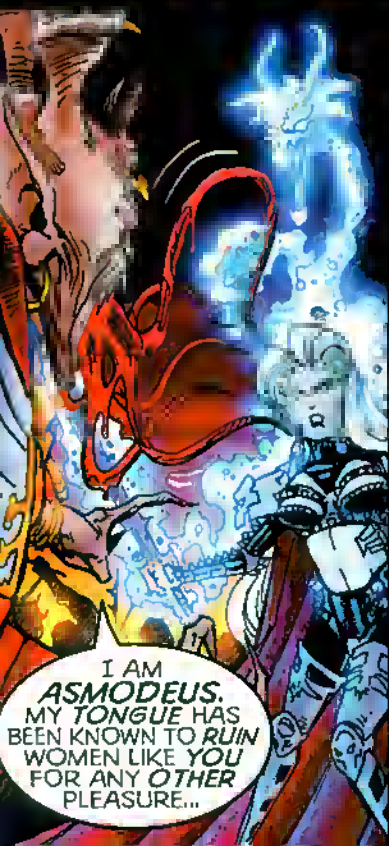
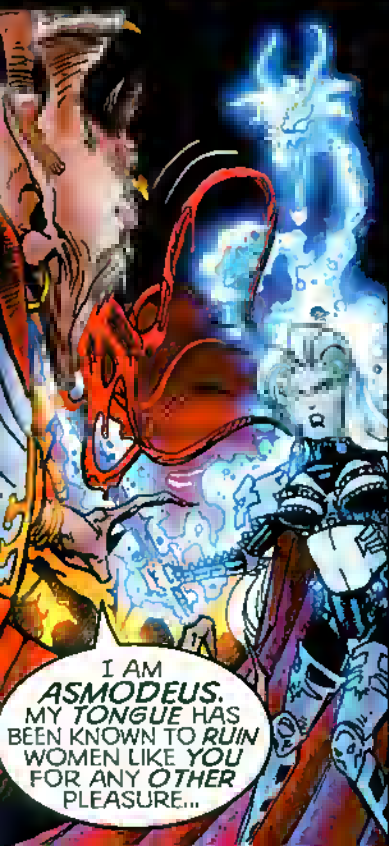
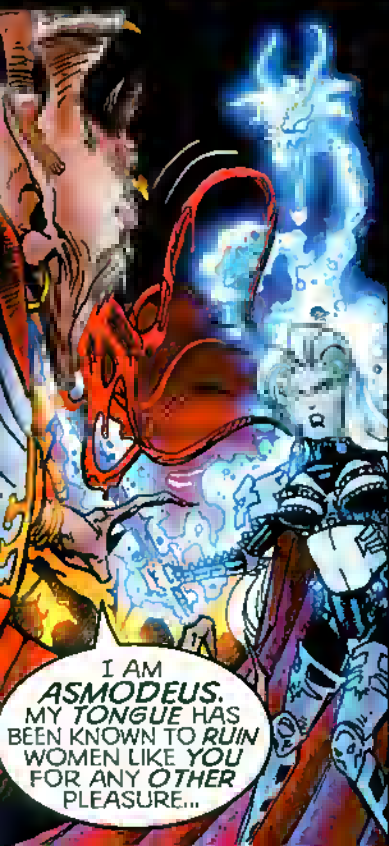
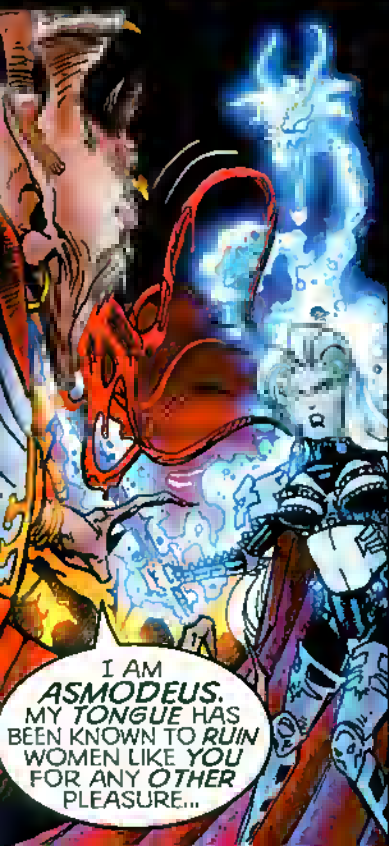
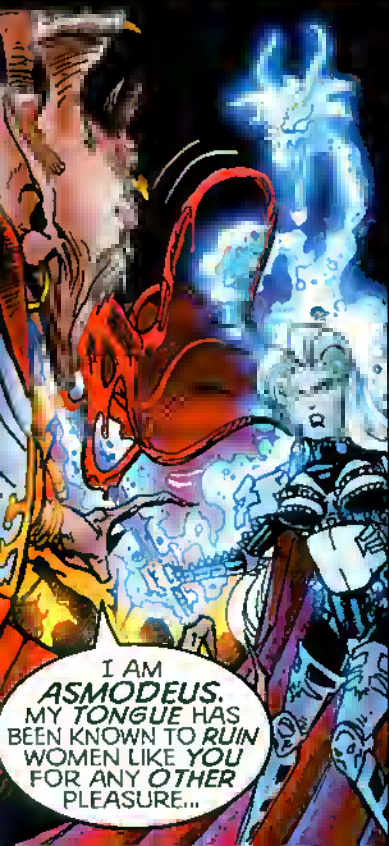
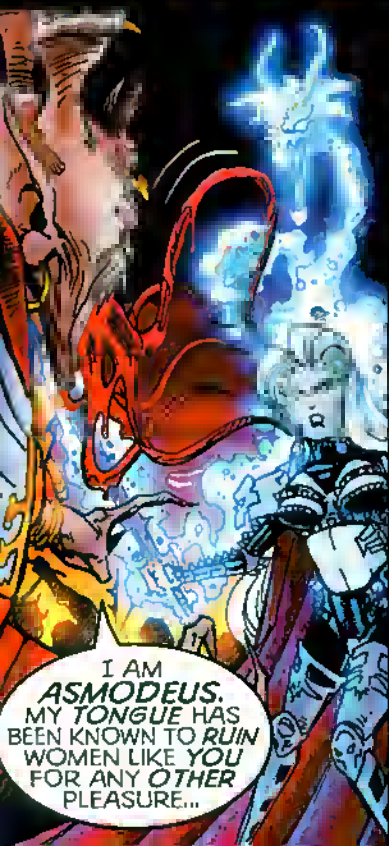
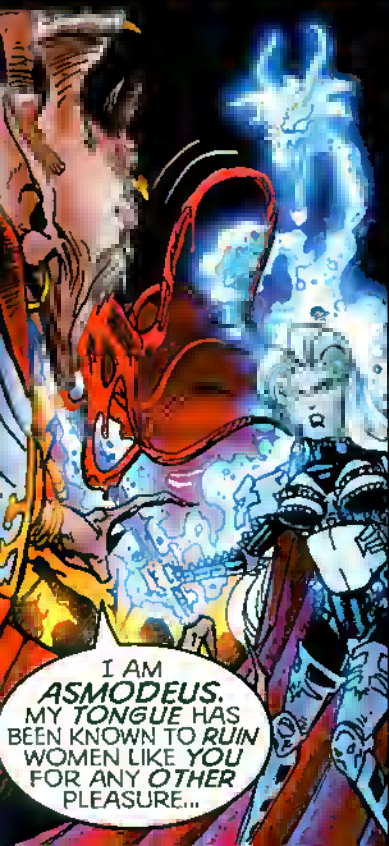
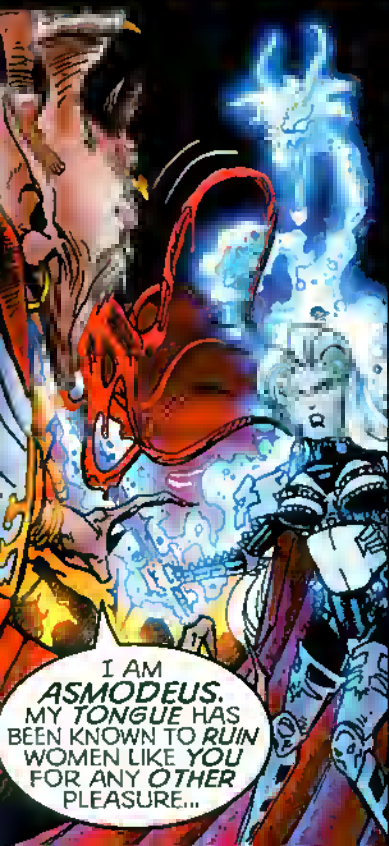
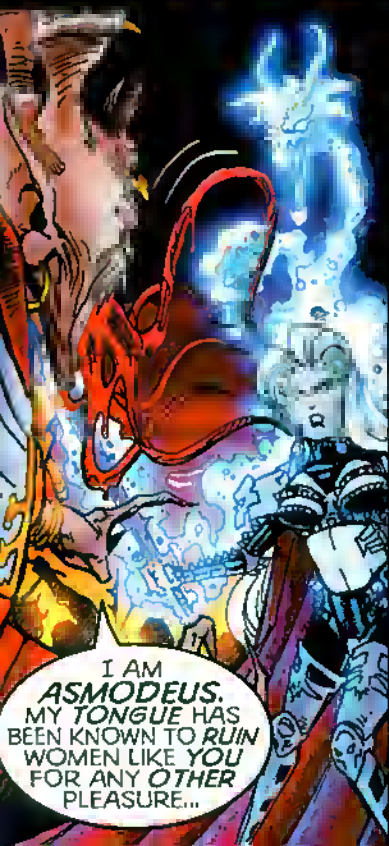
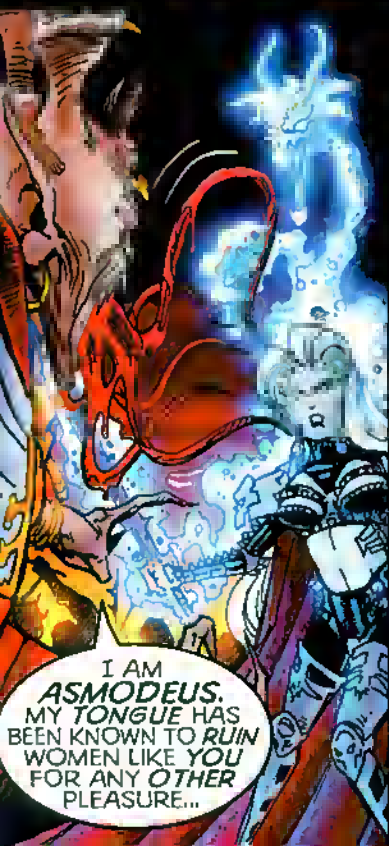
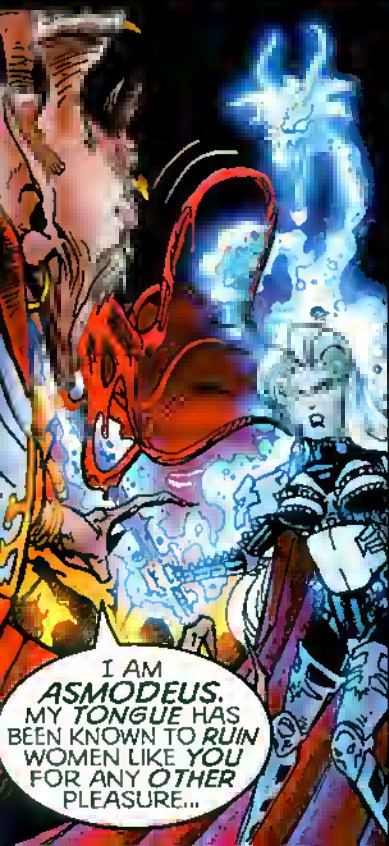
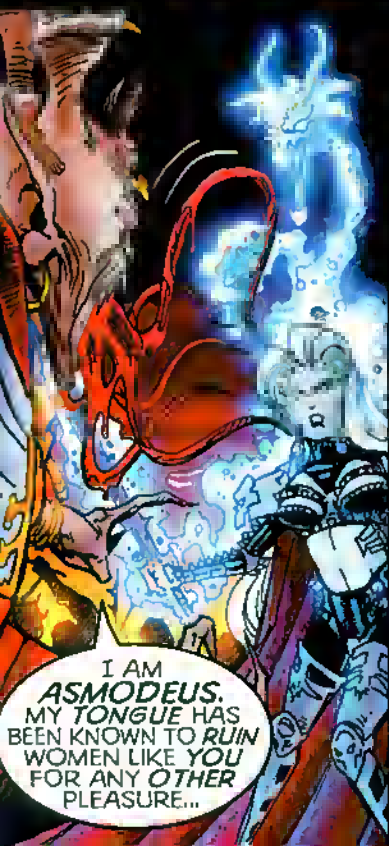
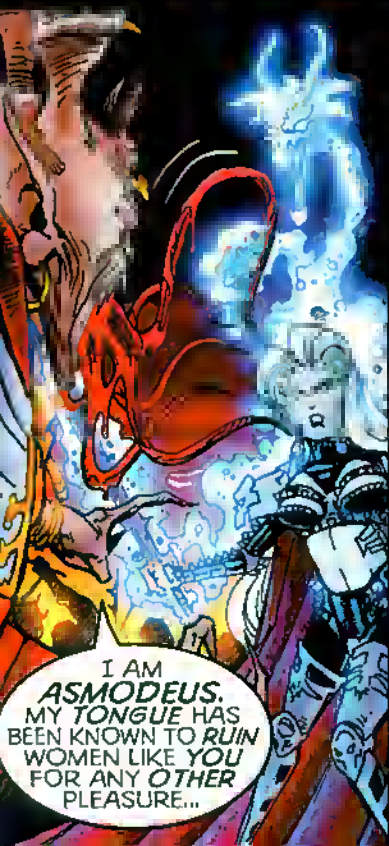
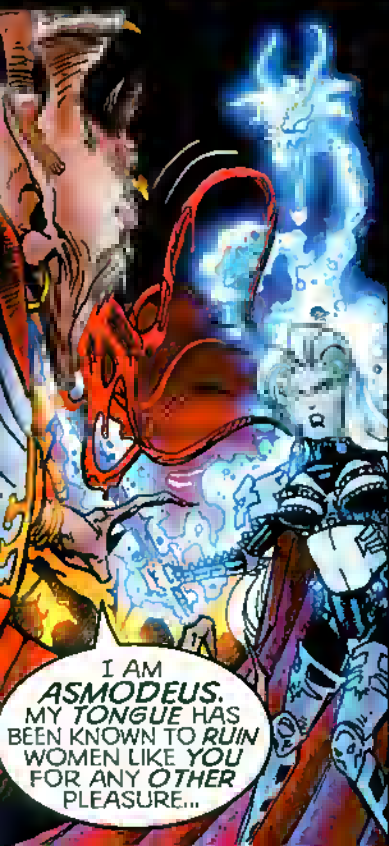
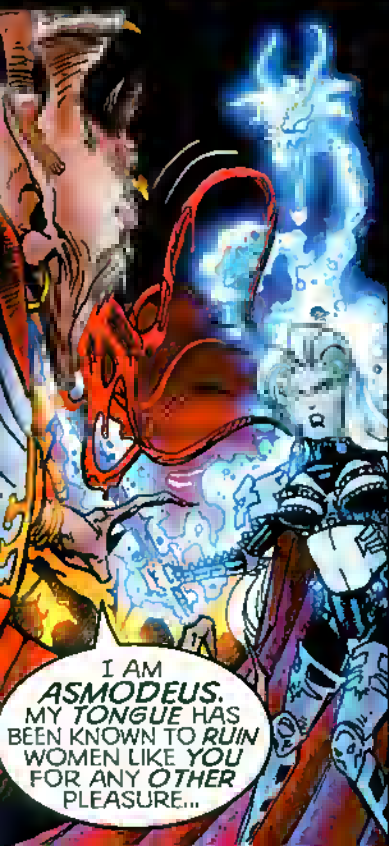
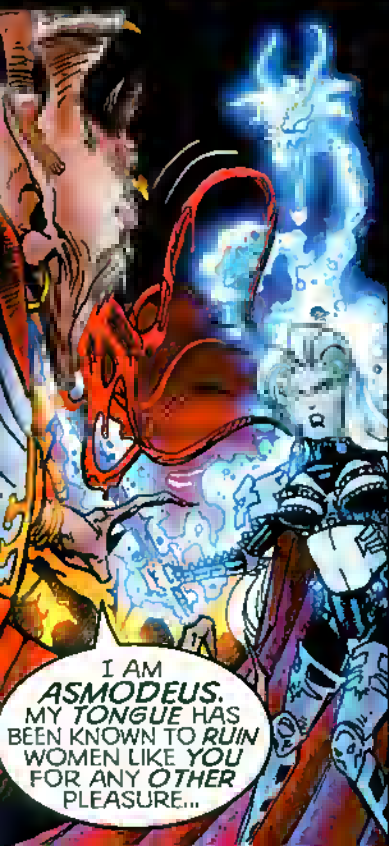
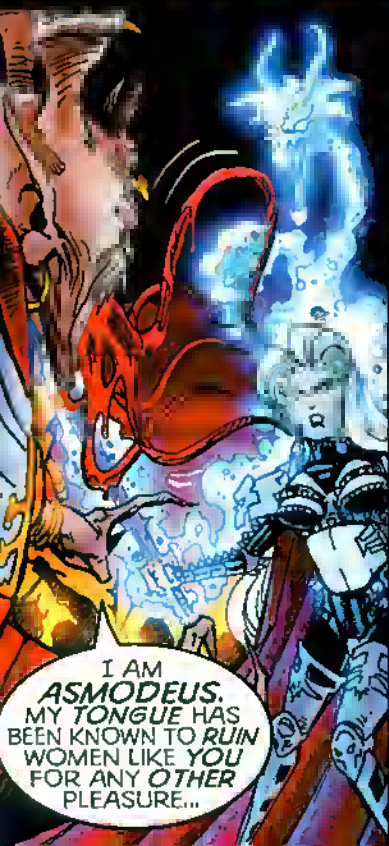
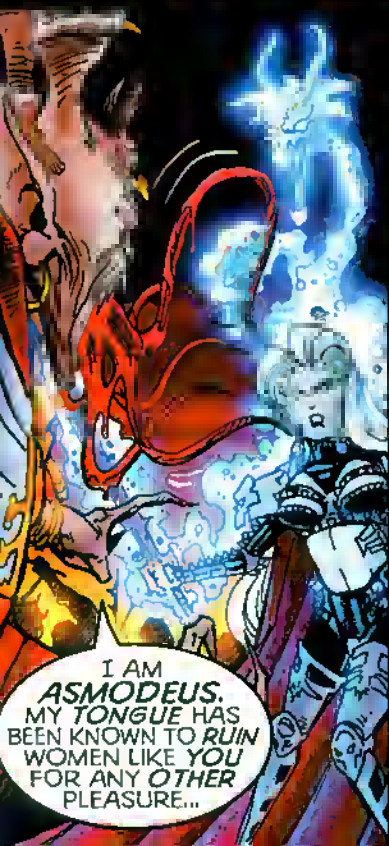
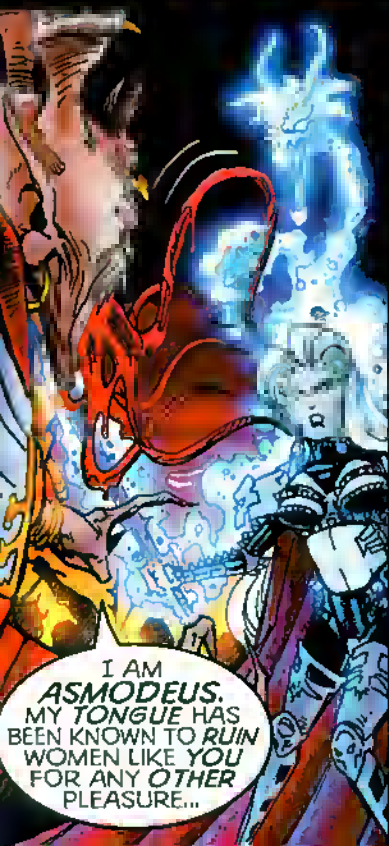
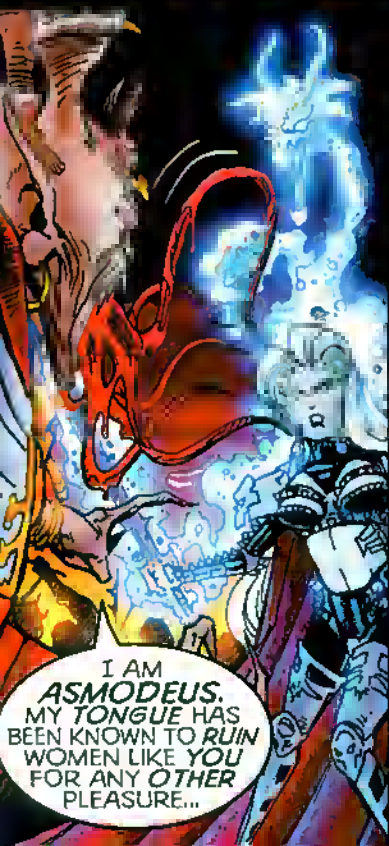
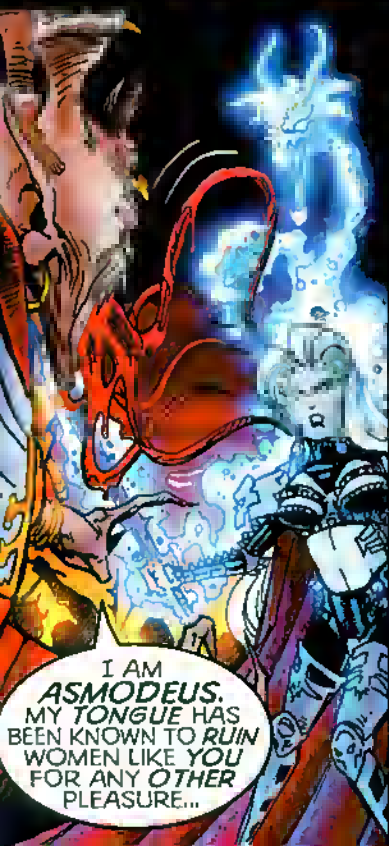
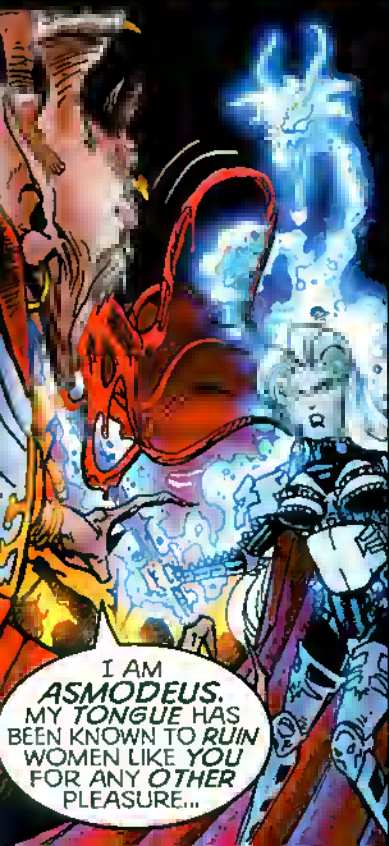
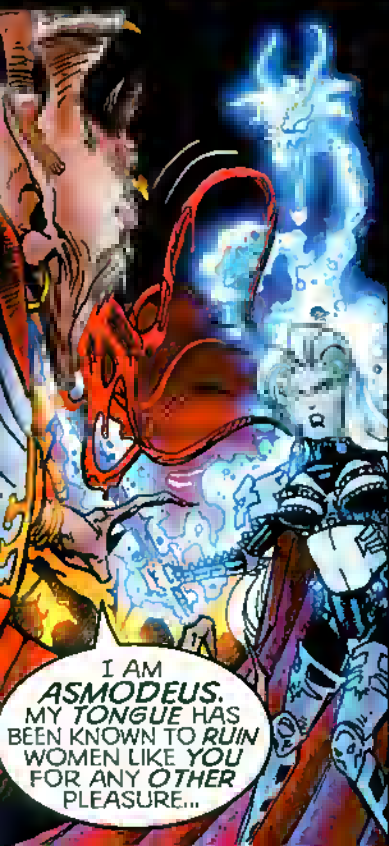
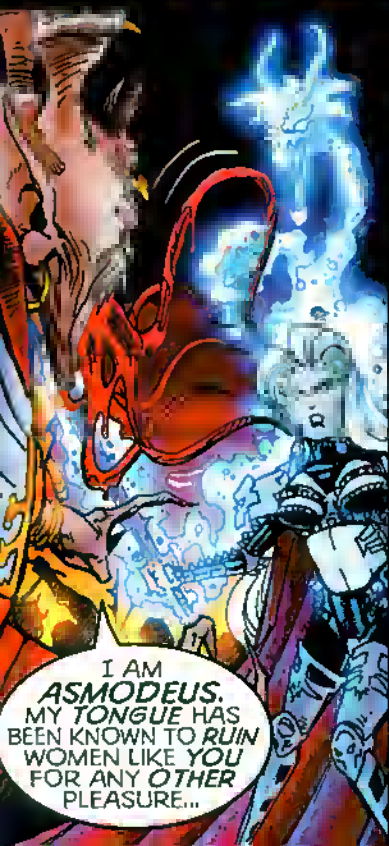
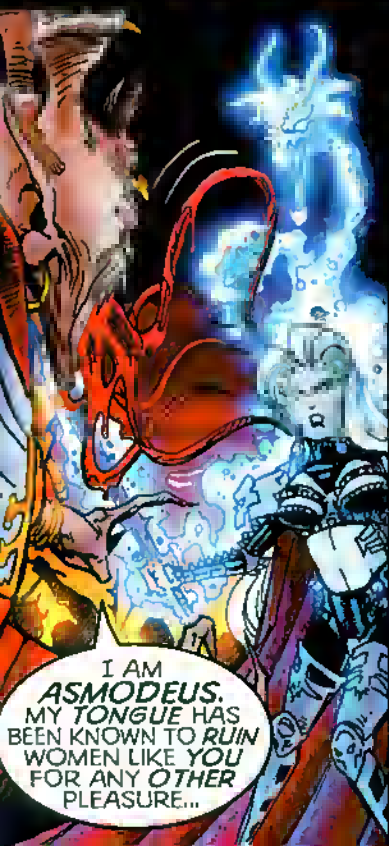
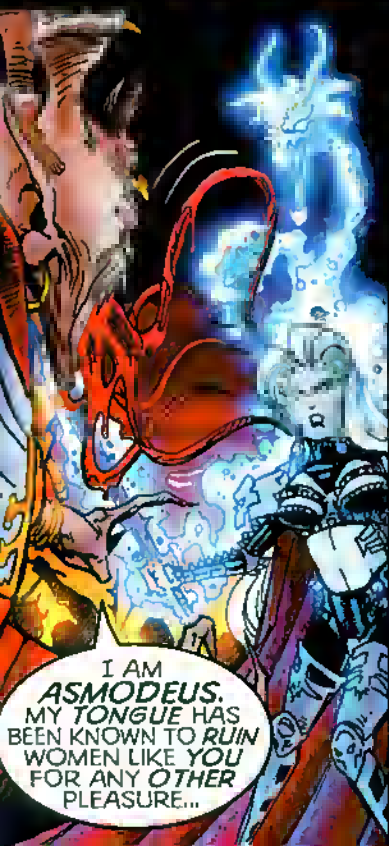
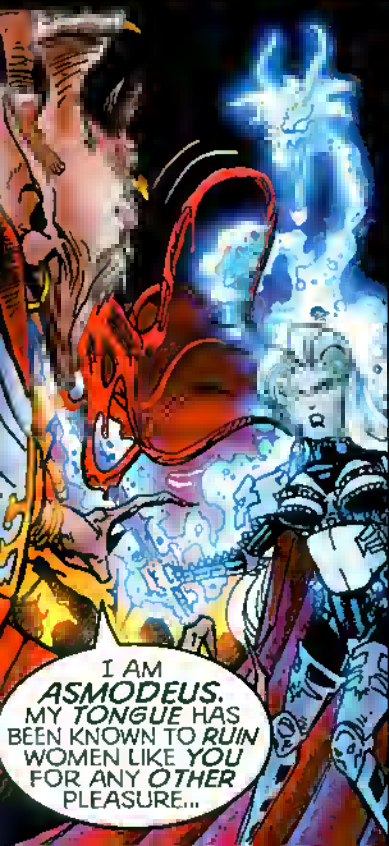
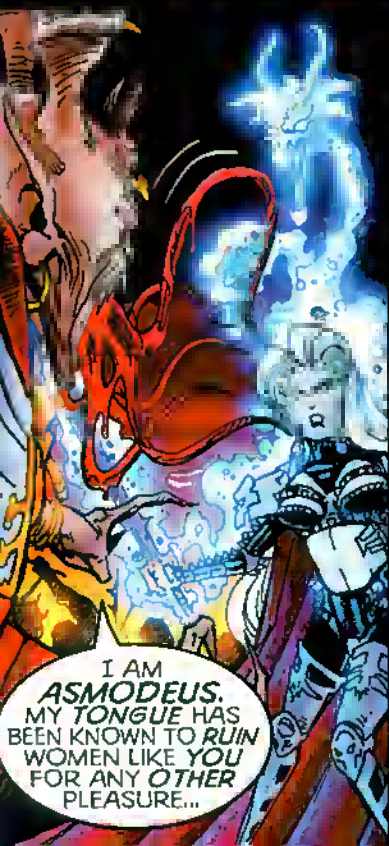
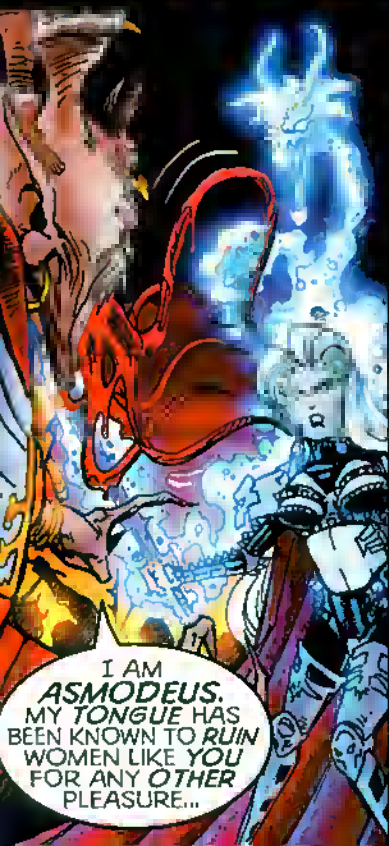
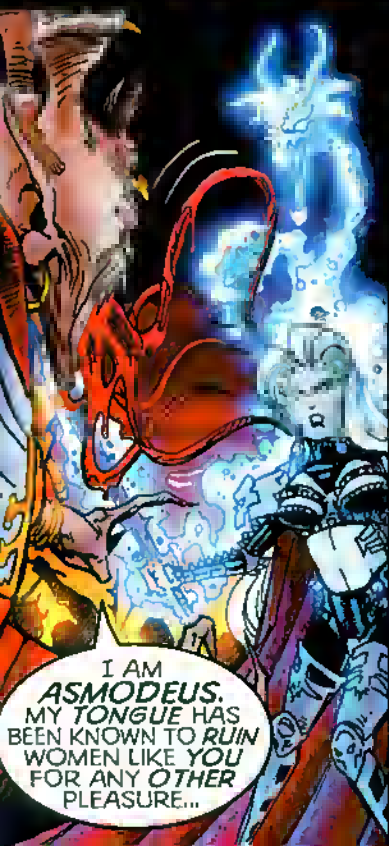
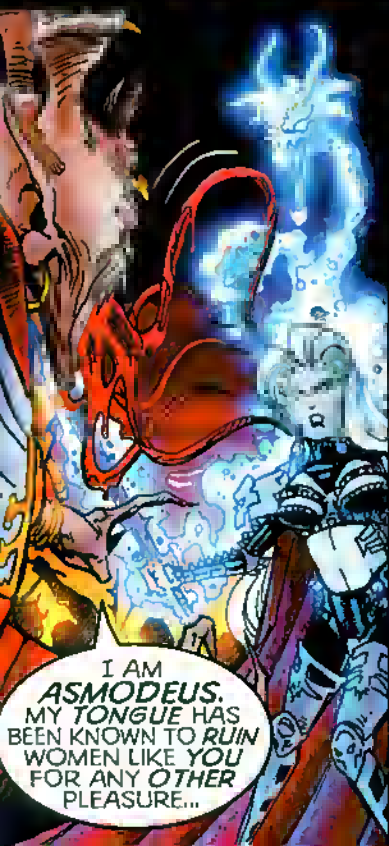
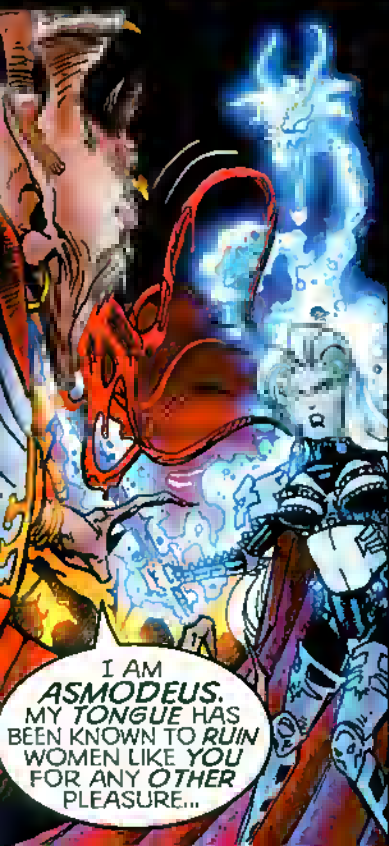
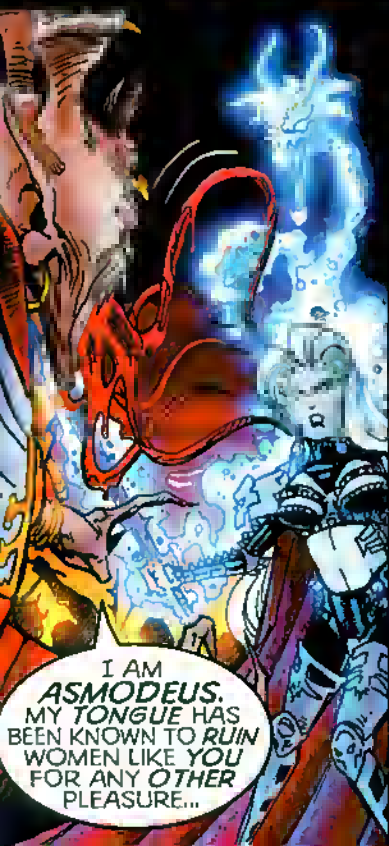
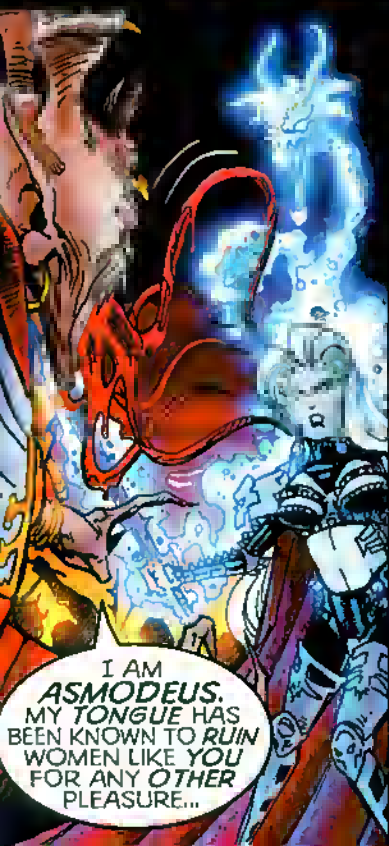
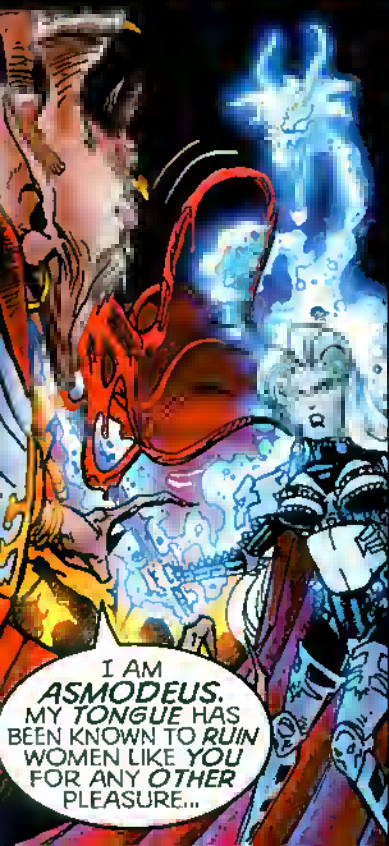
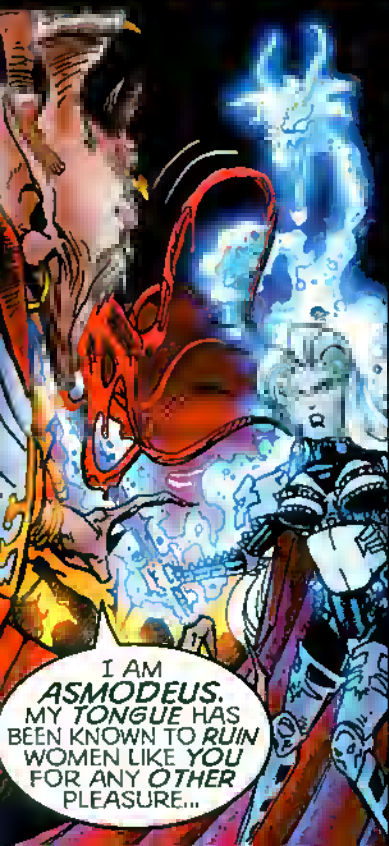
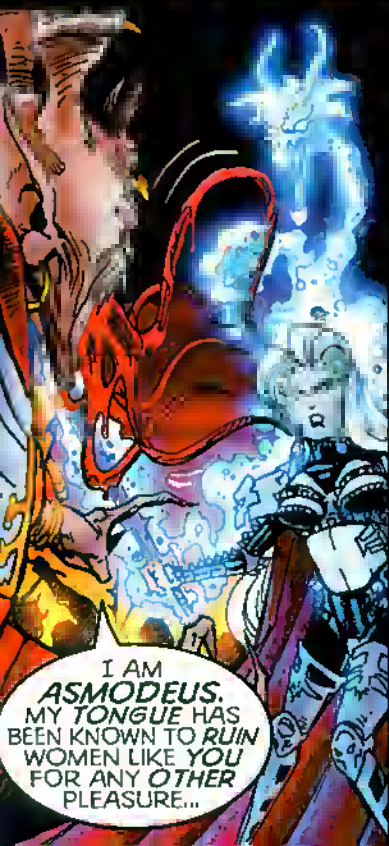
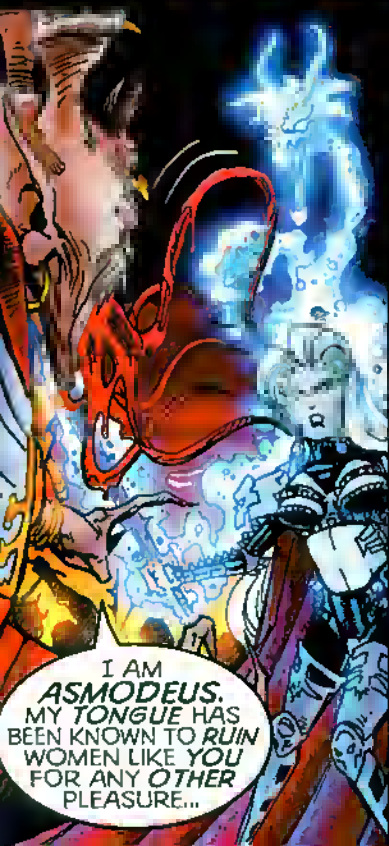
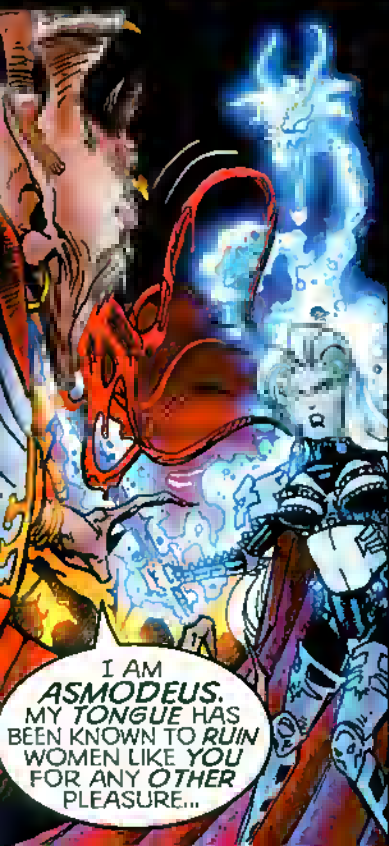
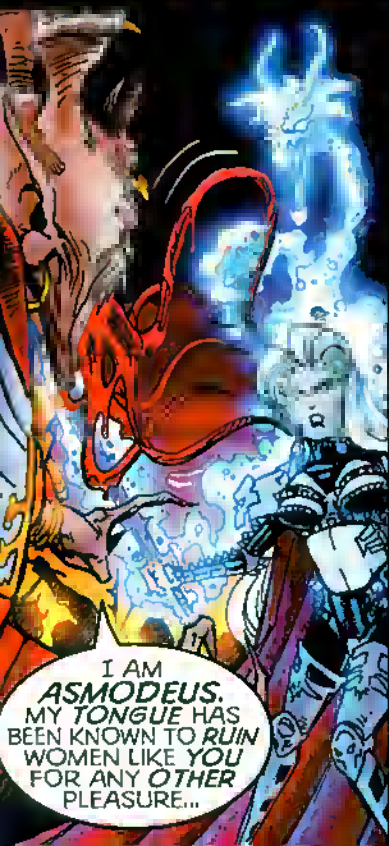
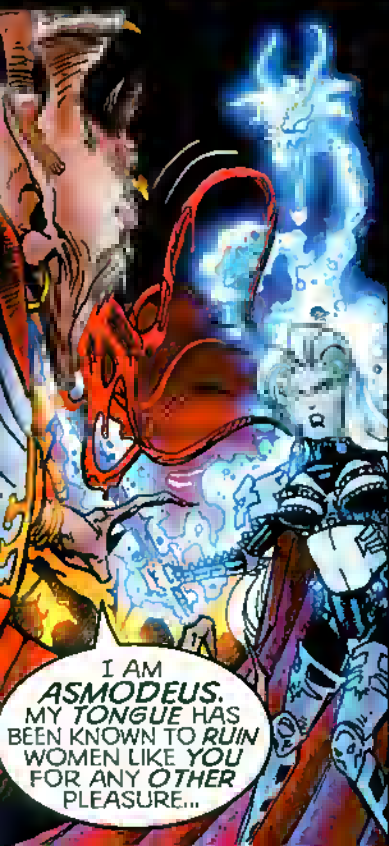
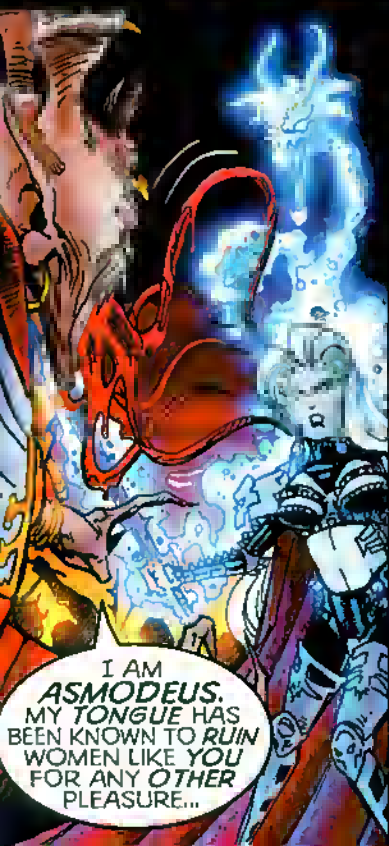
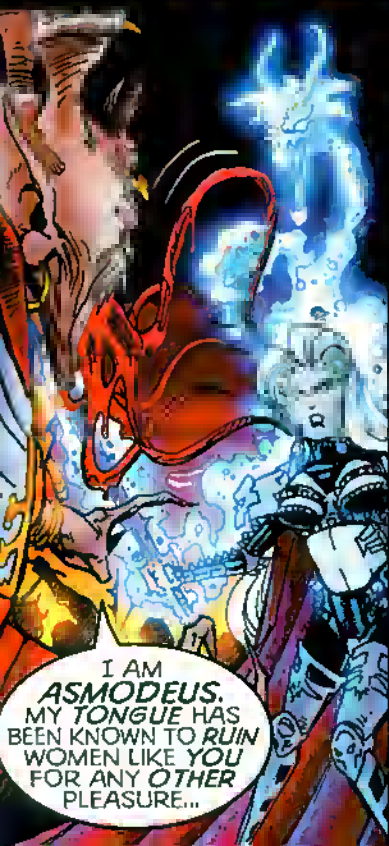
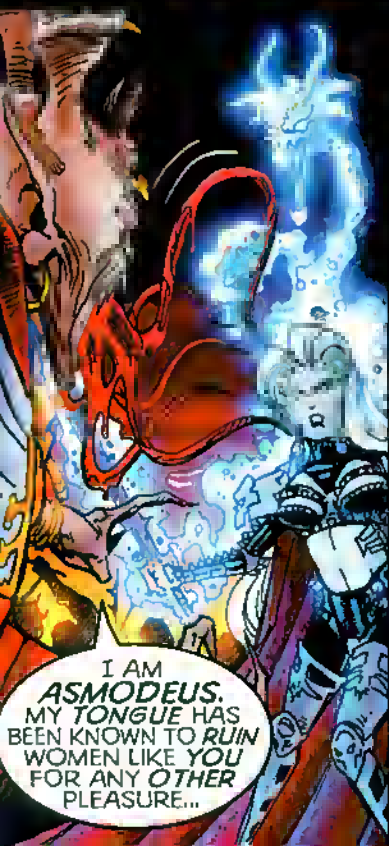
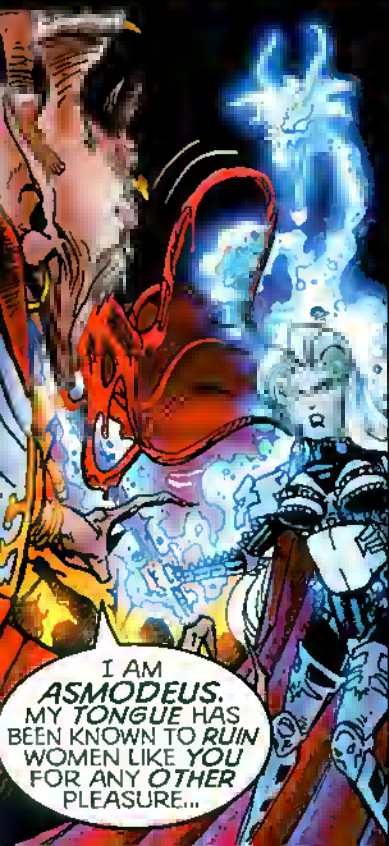
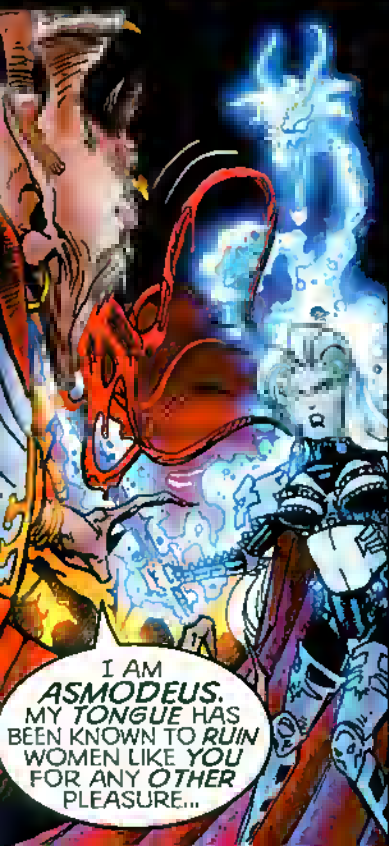
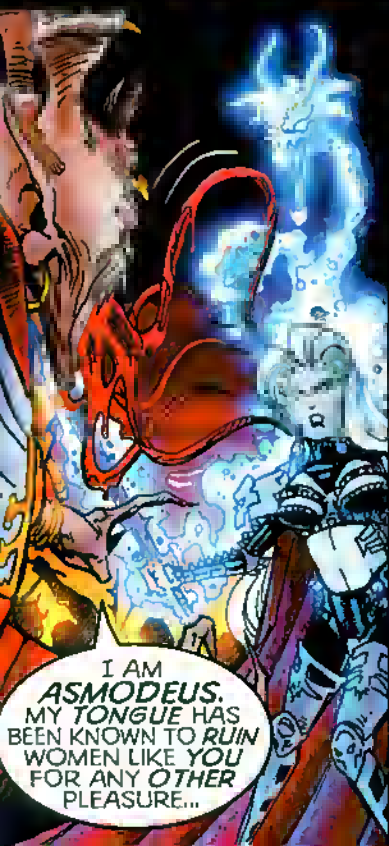
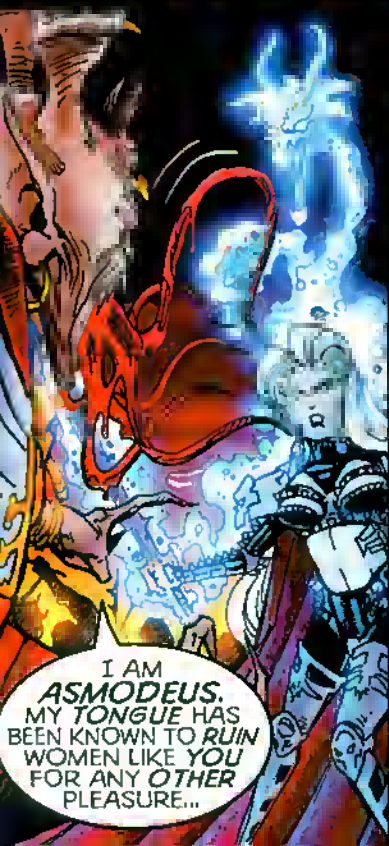
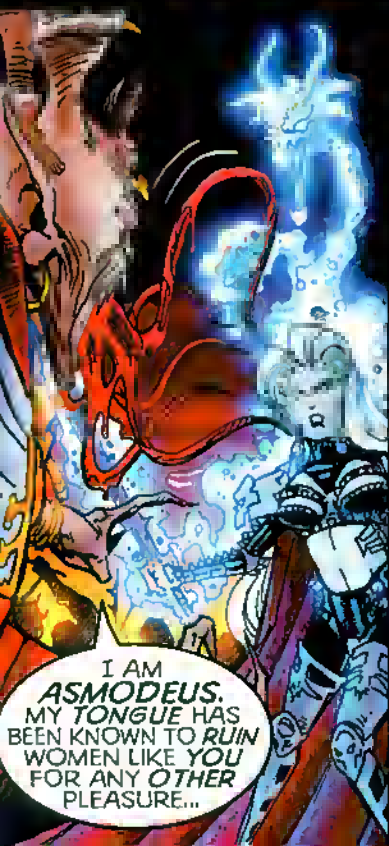
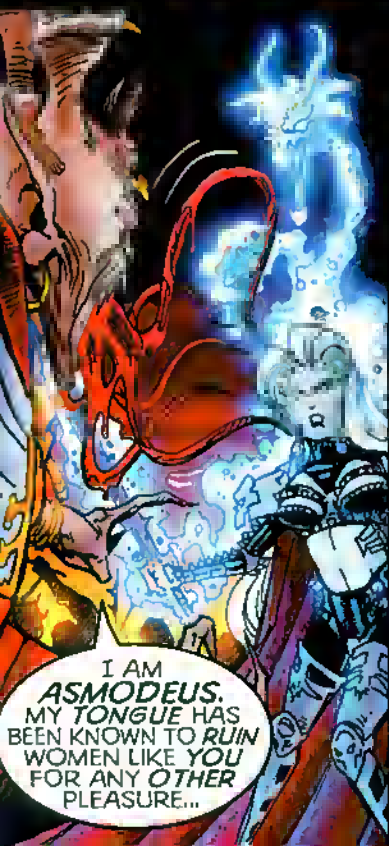
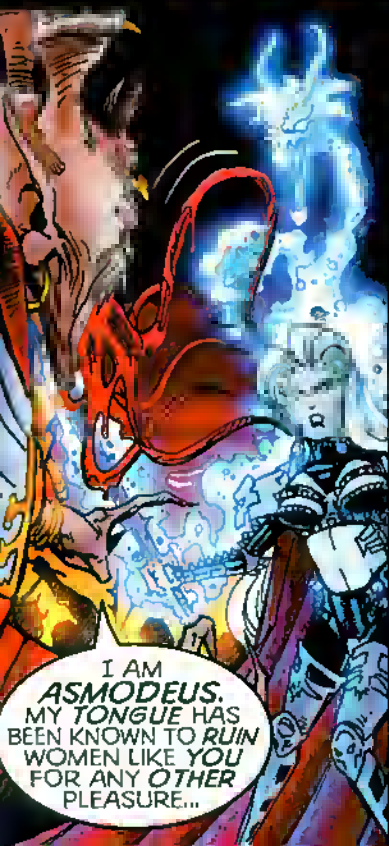
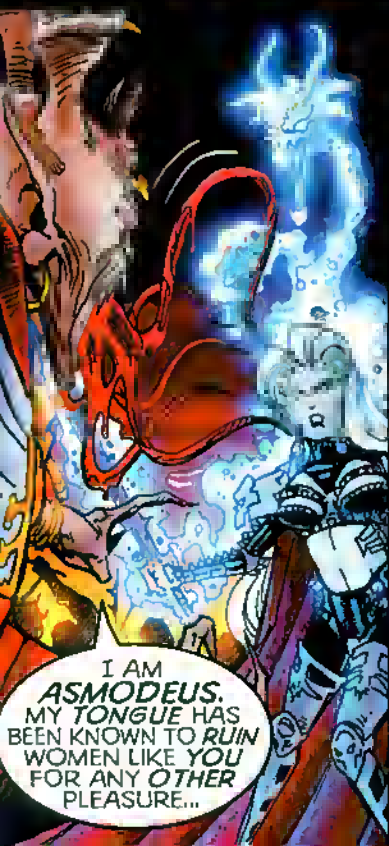
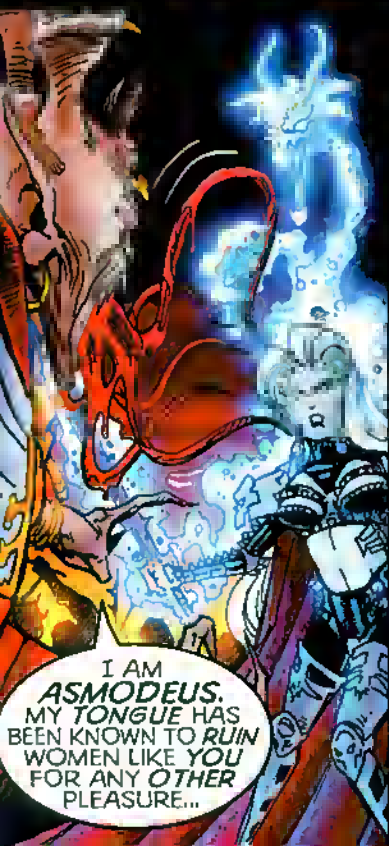
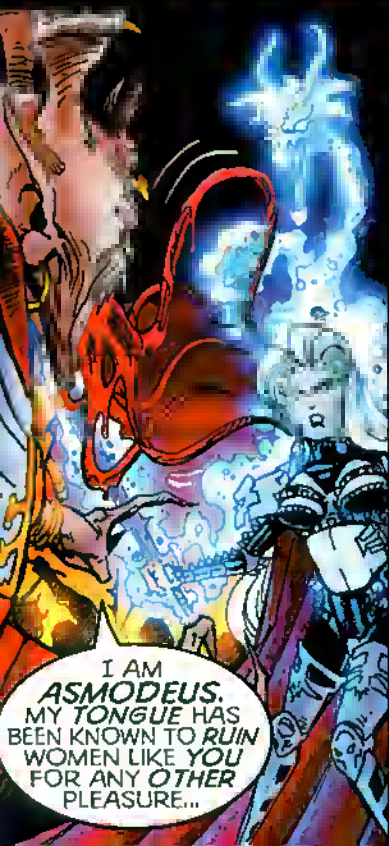
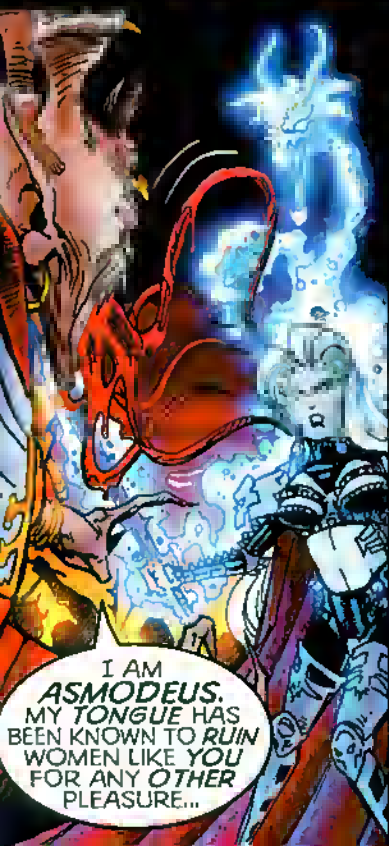
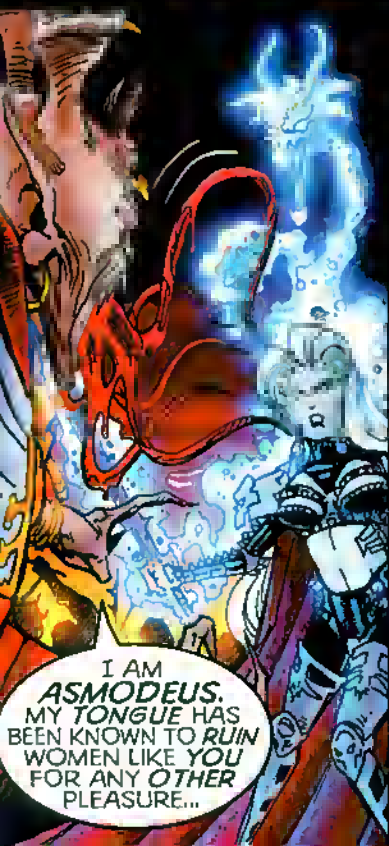
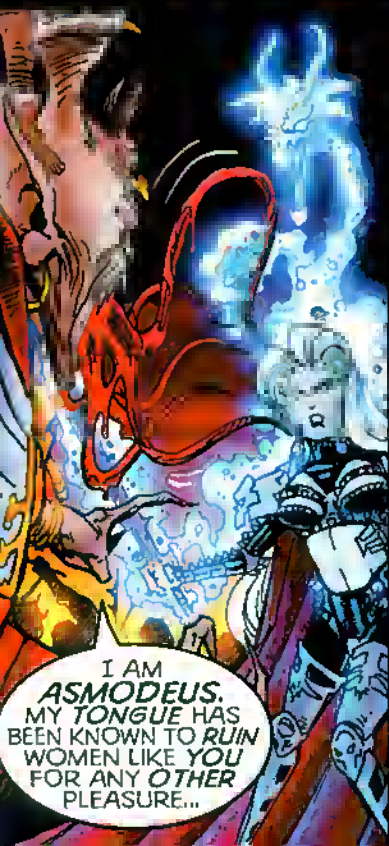
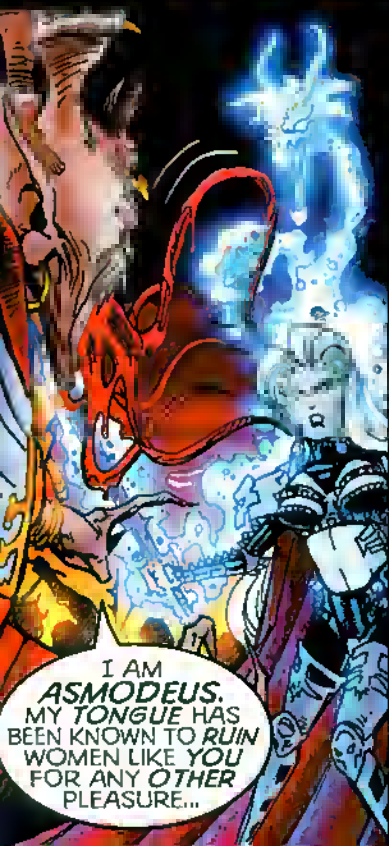
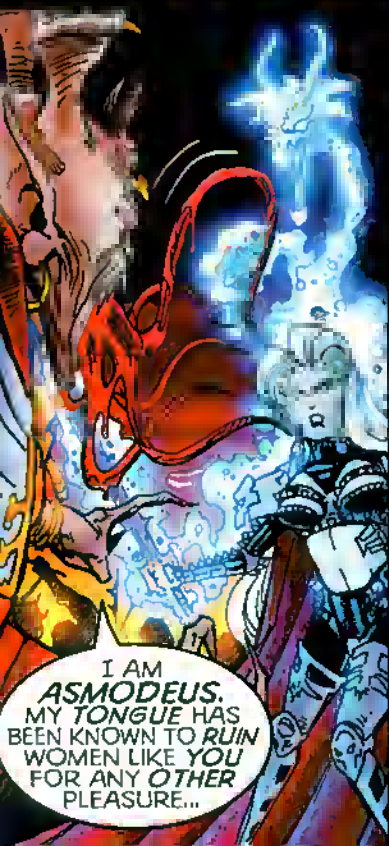
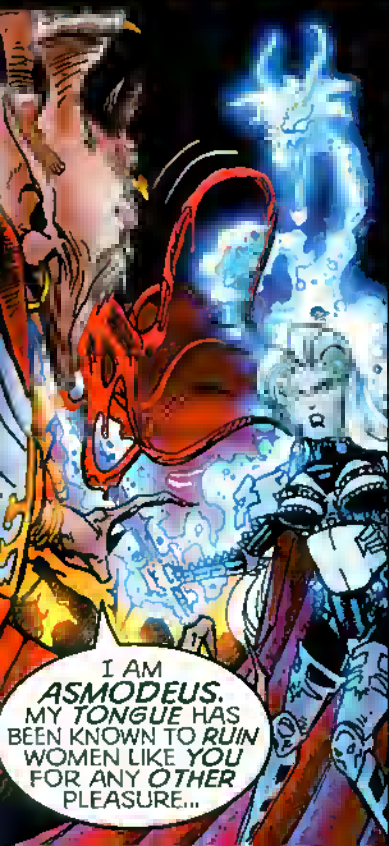
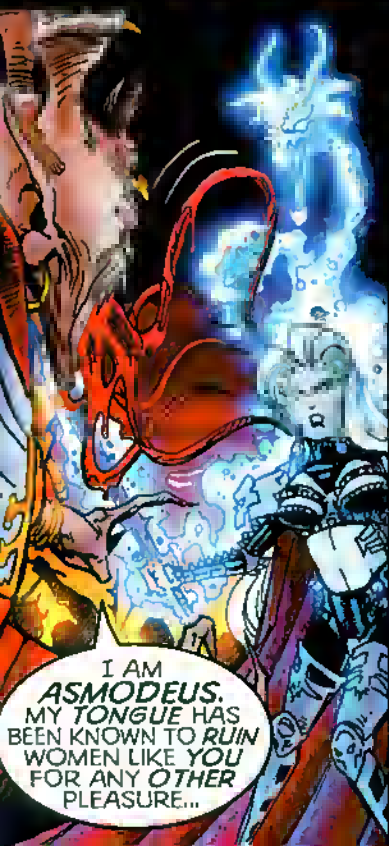
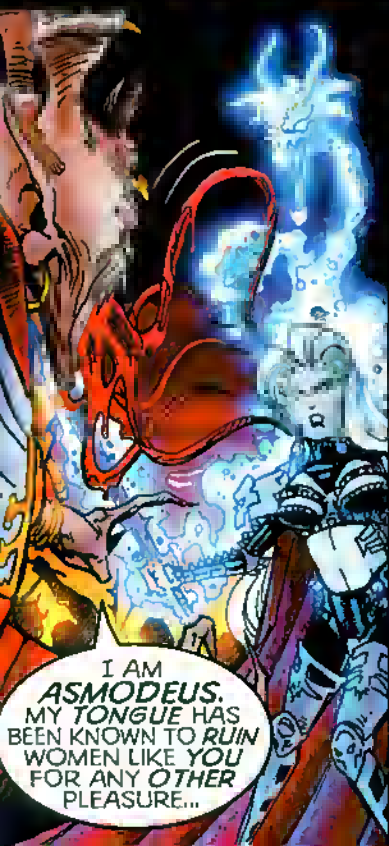
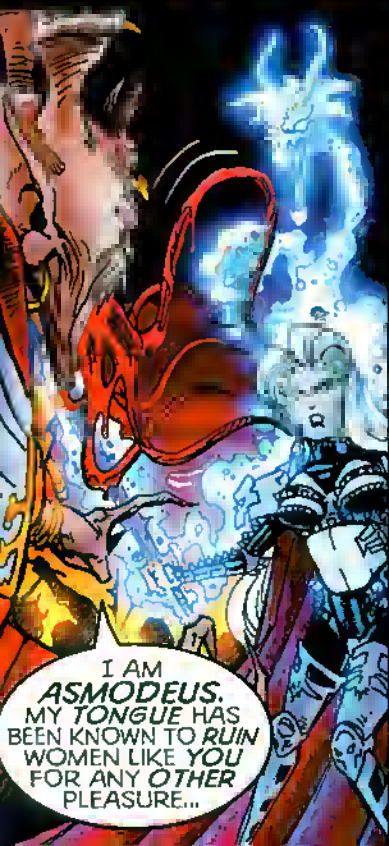
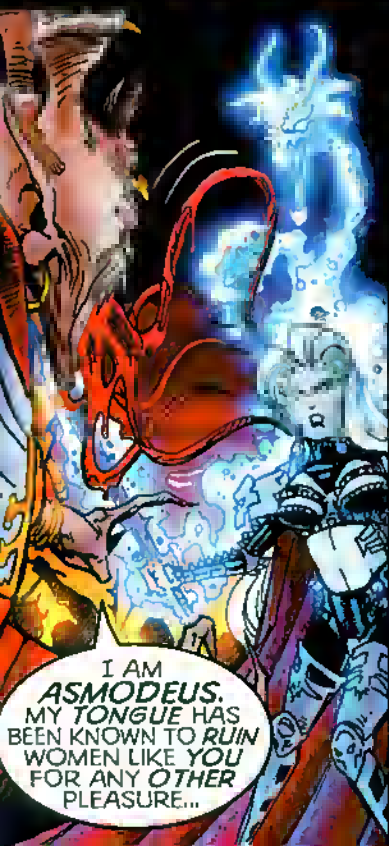
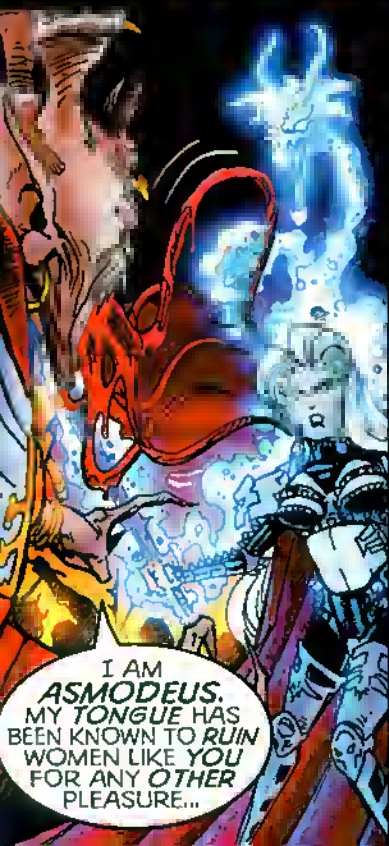
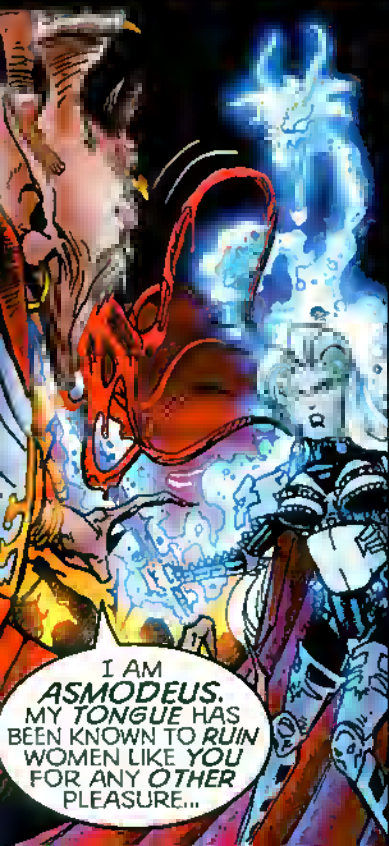
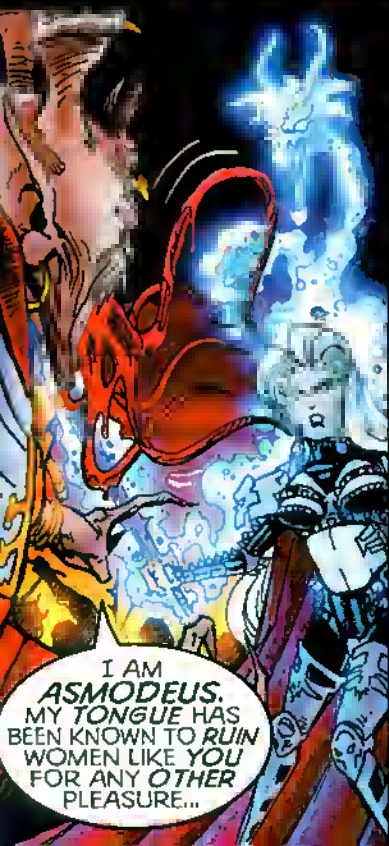
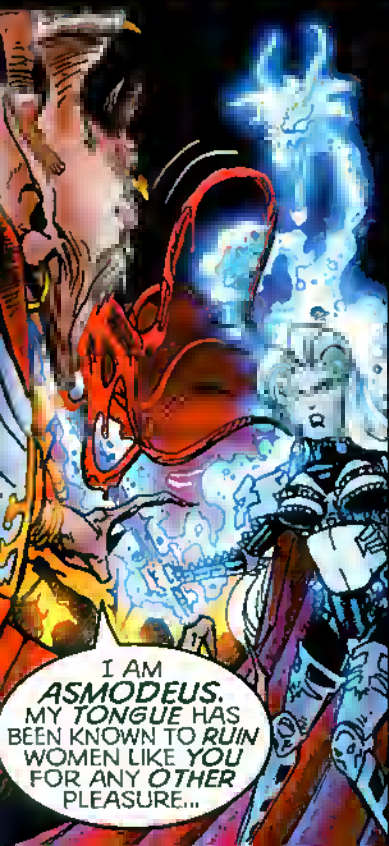
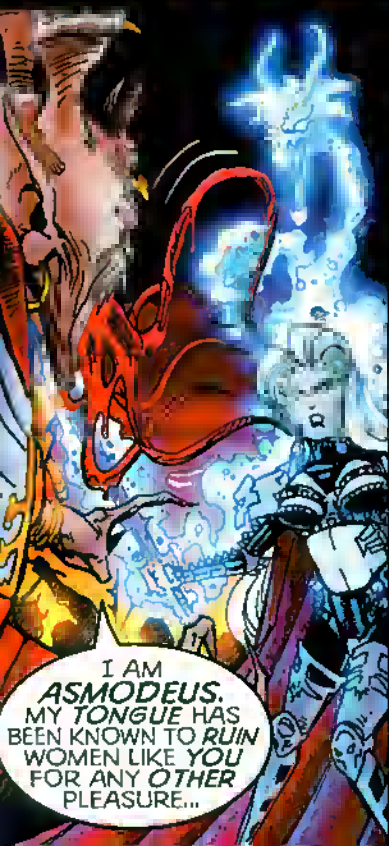
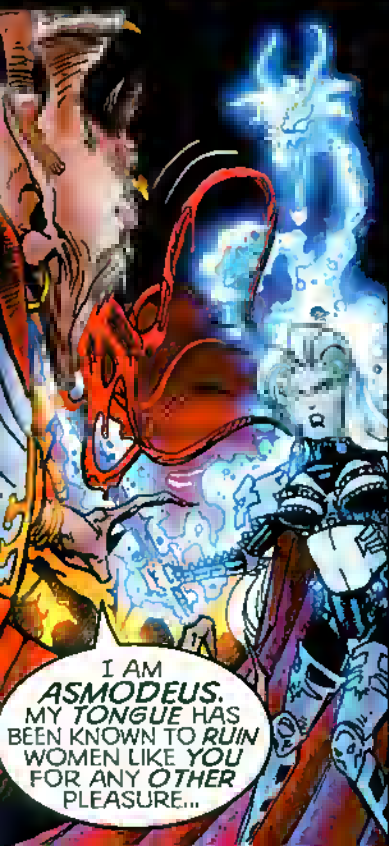
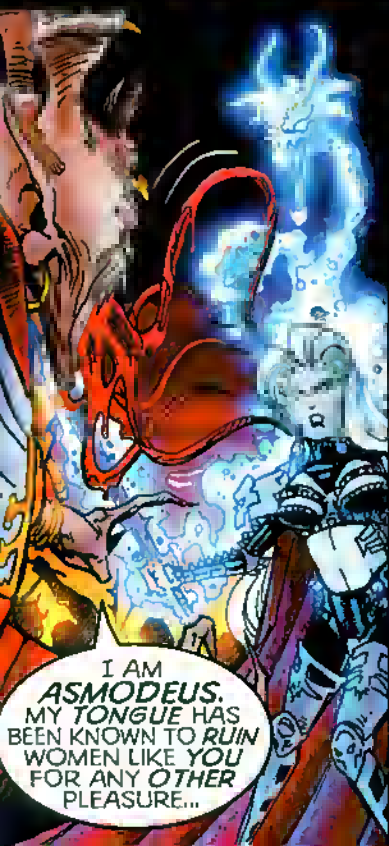
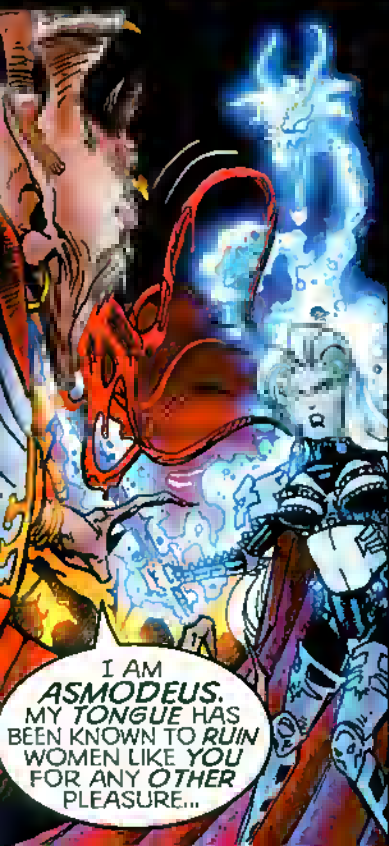
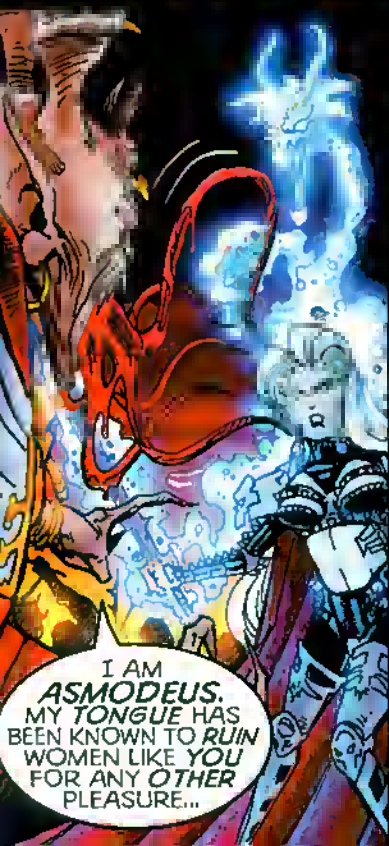
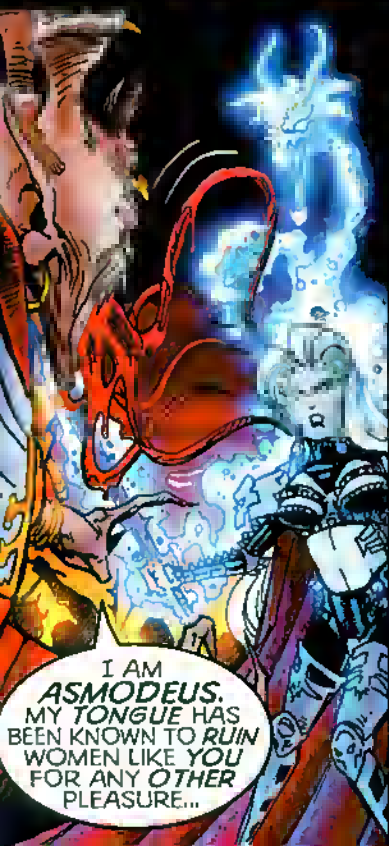
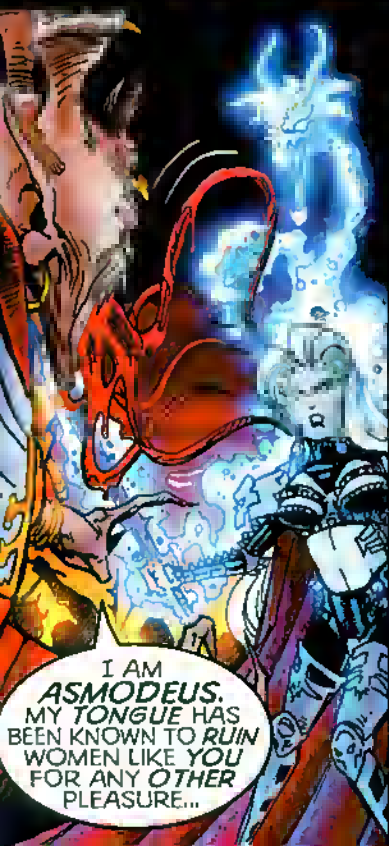
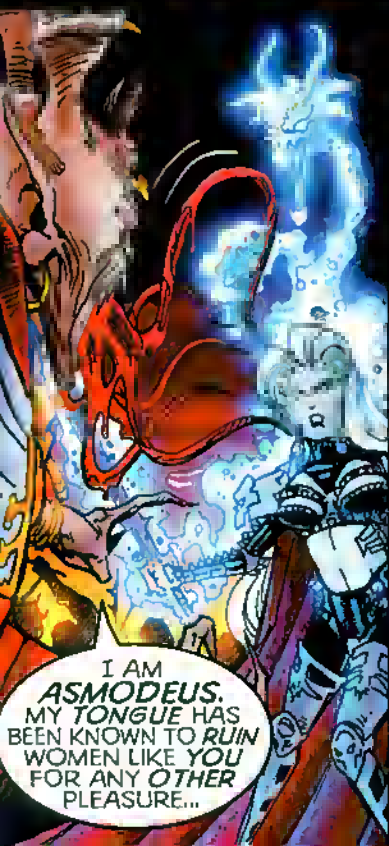
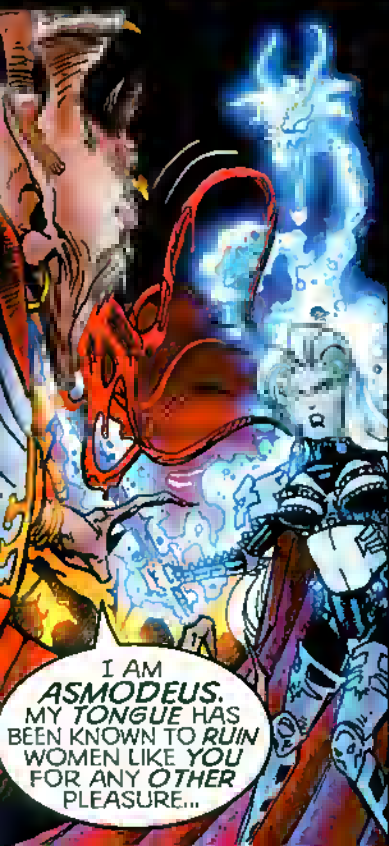
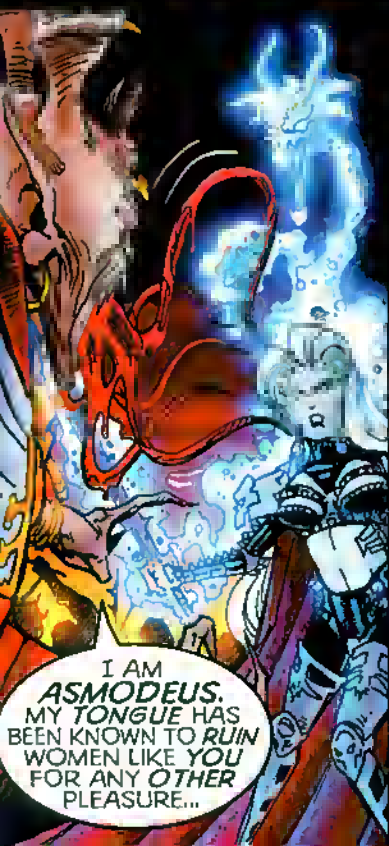
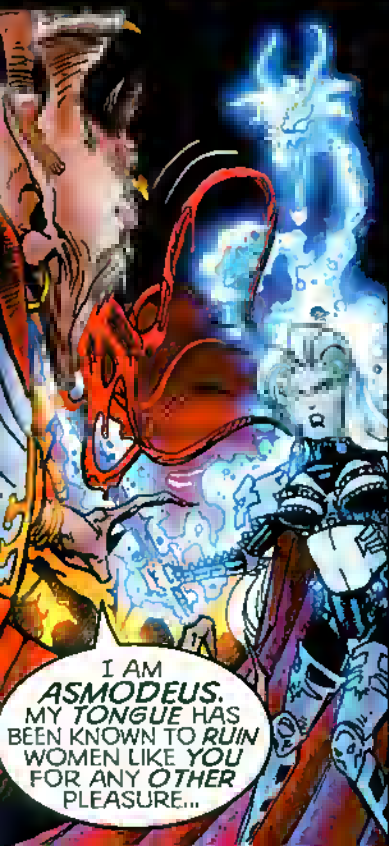
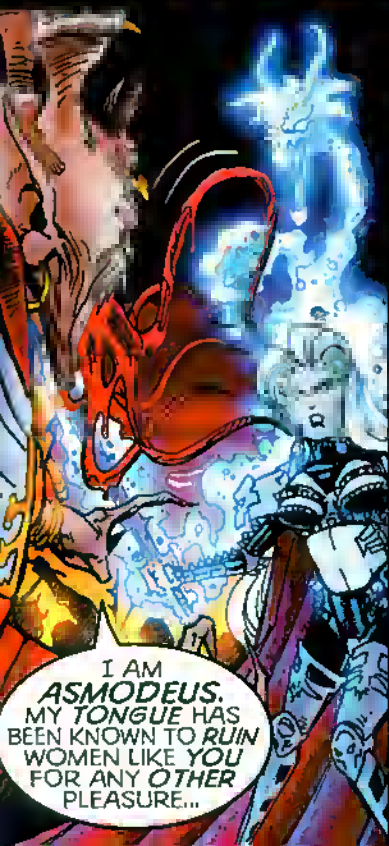
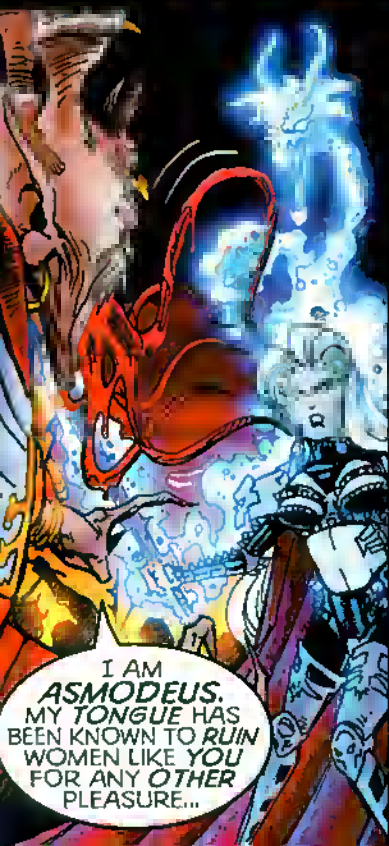
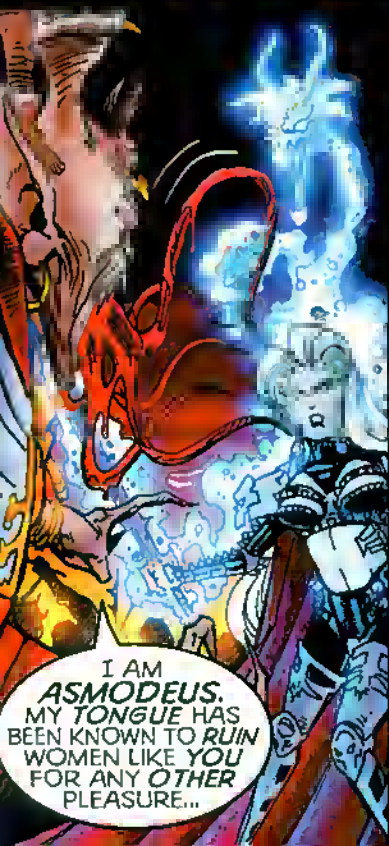
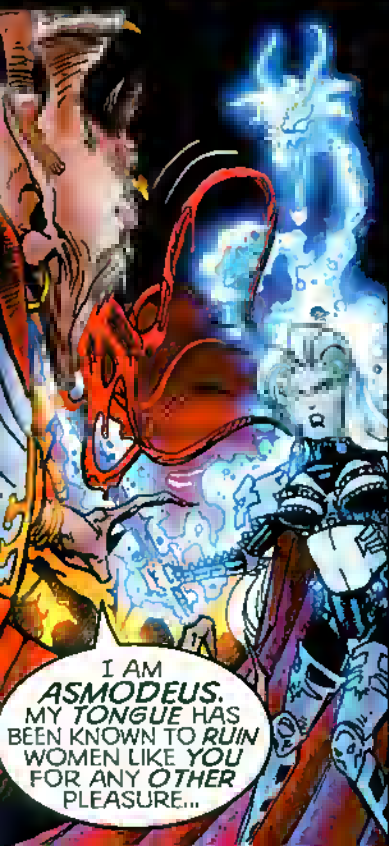
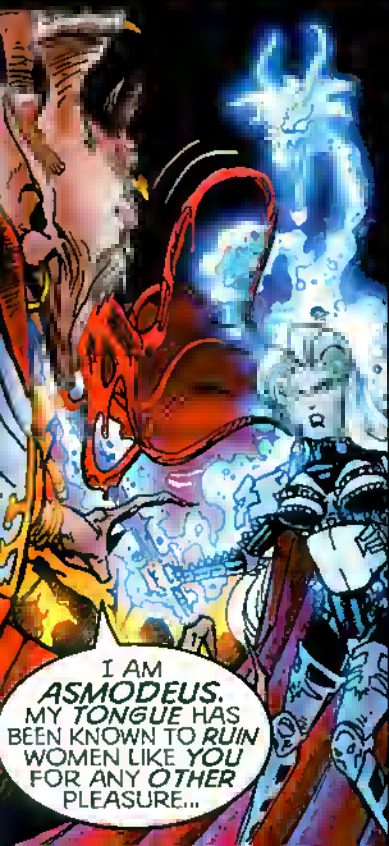
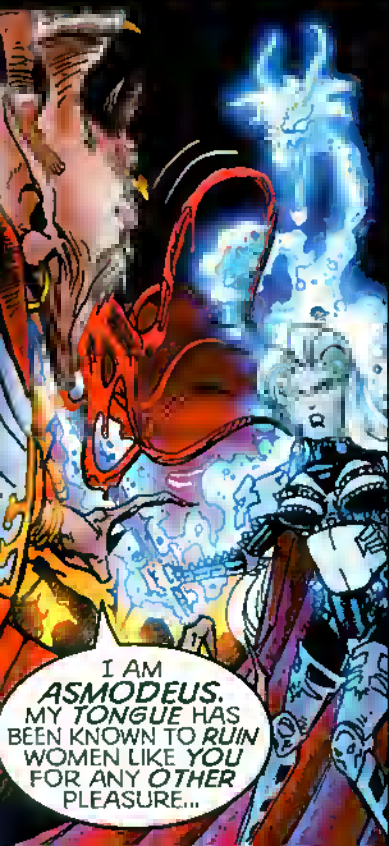
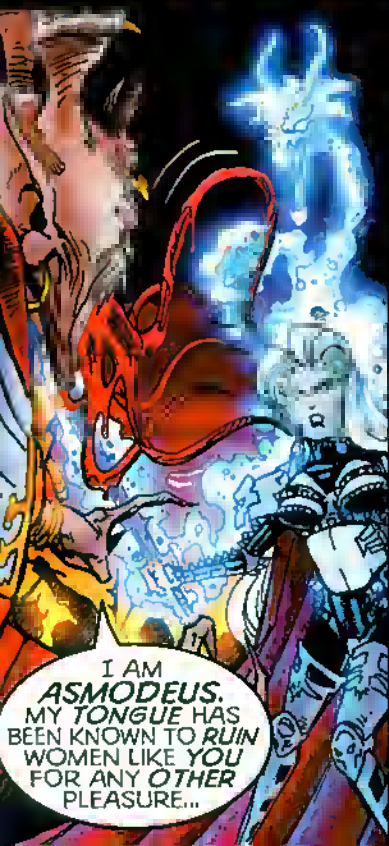
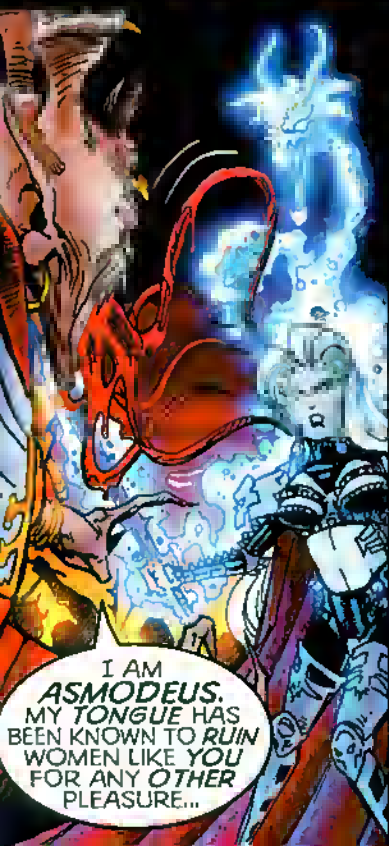
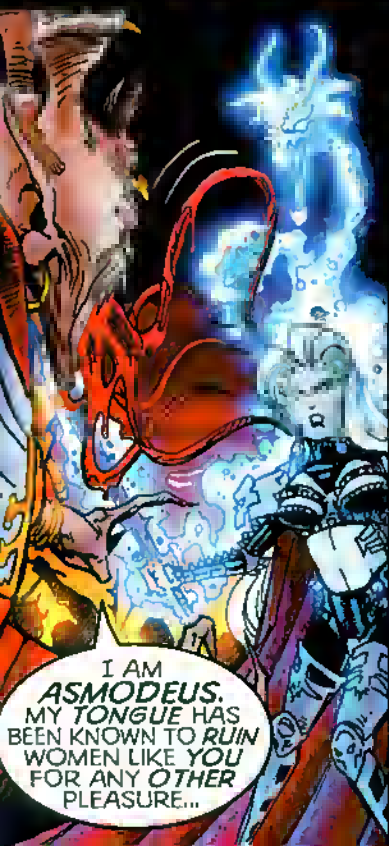
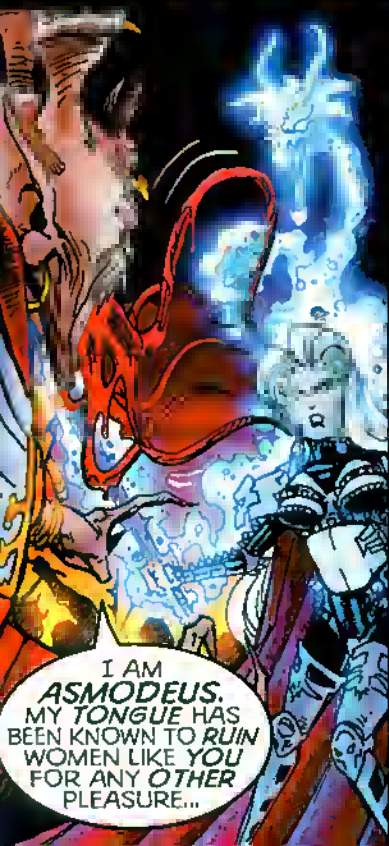
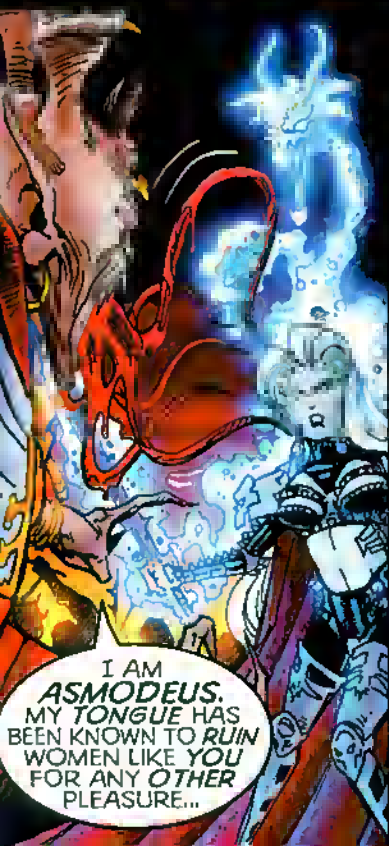
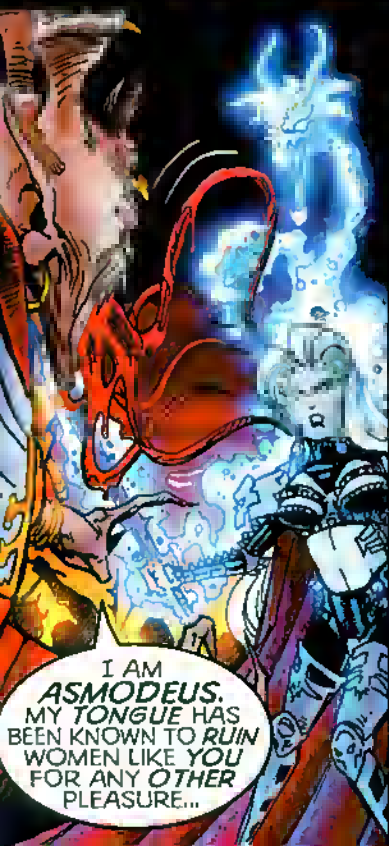
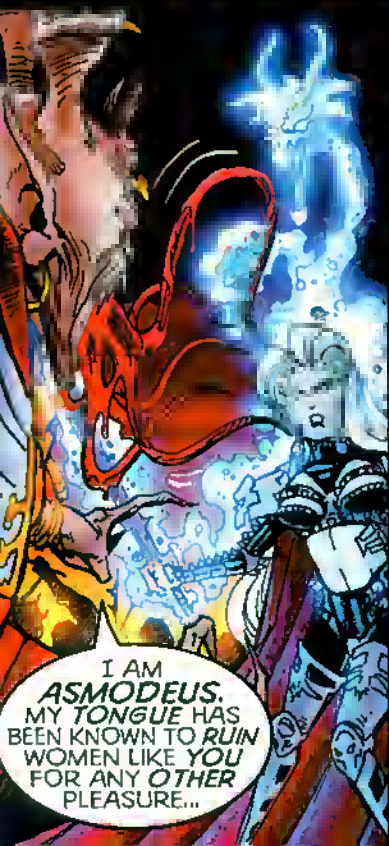
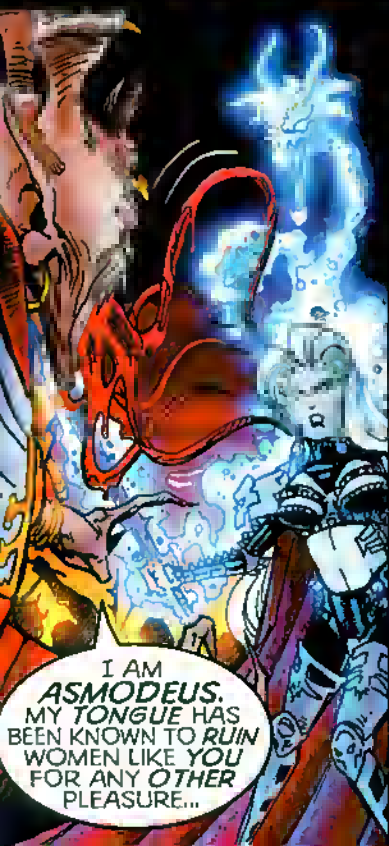
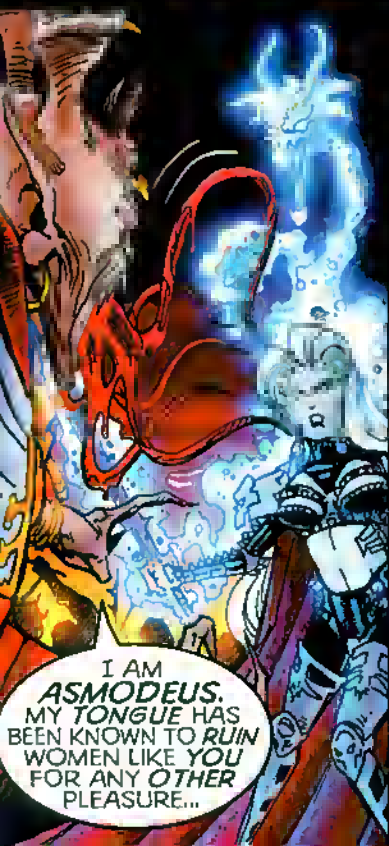
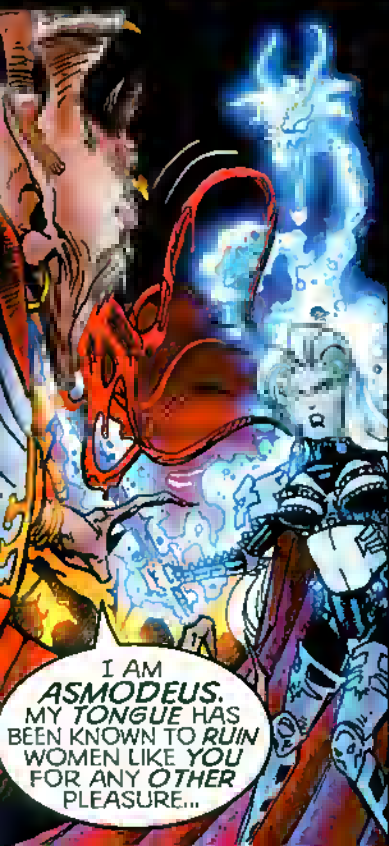
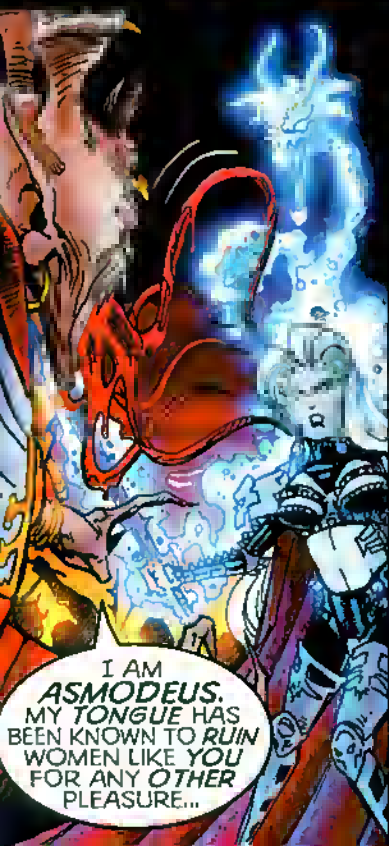
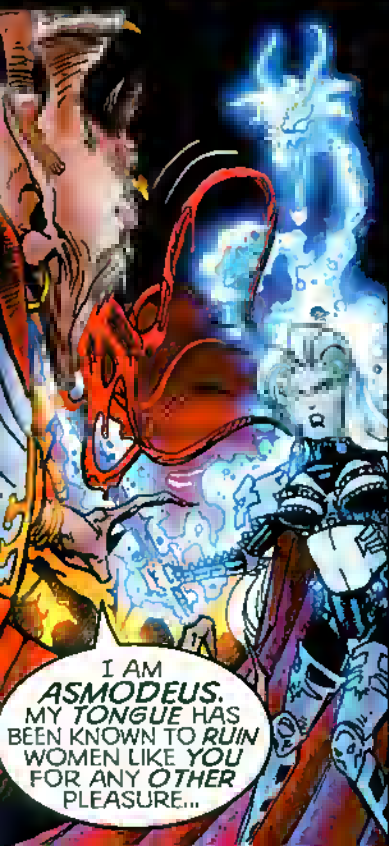
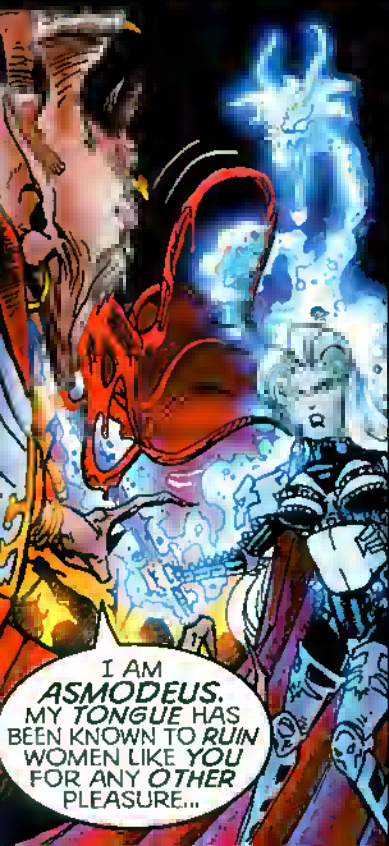
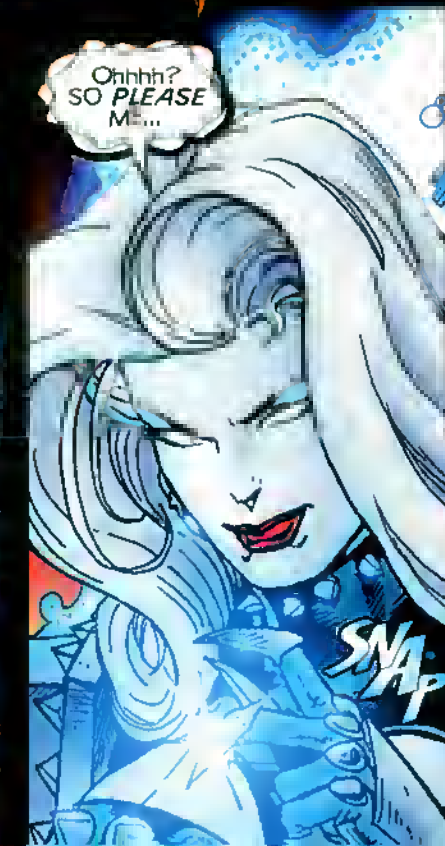
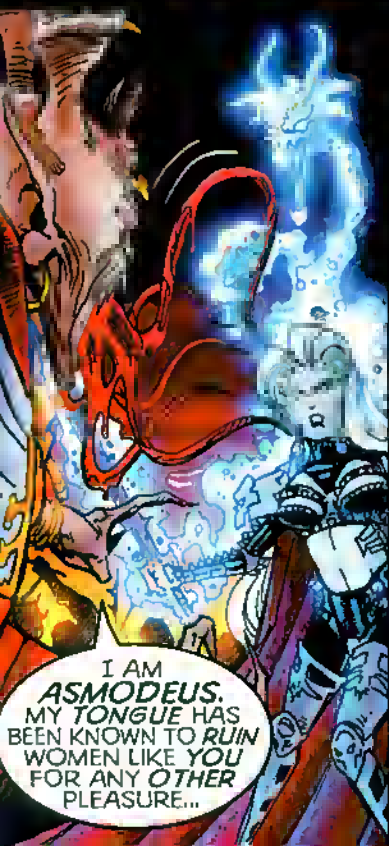
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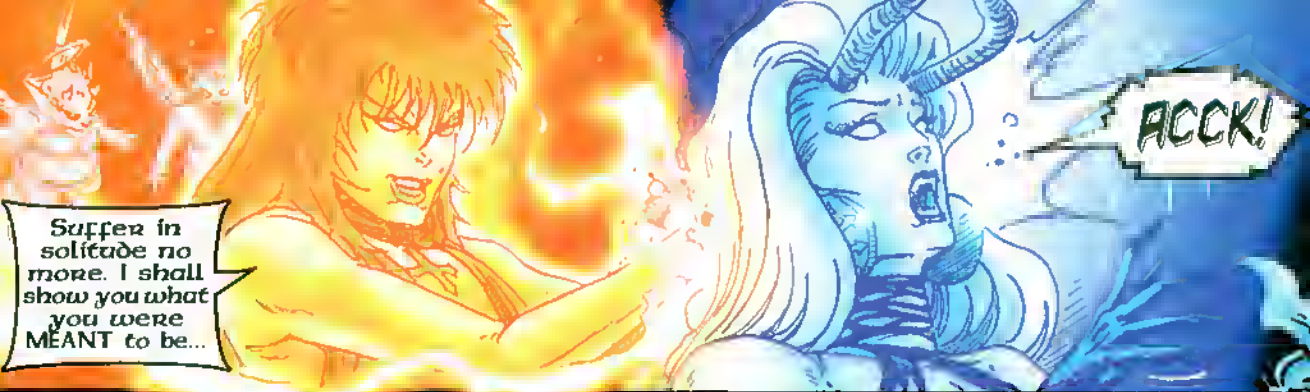
YOU VAIN,
DISSIPATED
FOOLS!

BOW TO ME
AND YOU MAY
RETAIN YOUR
MEANINGLESS
TITLES!

RAARRRGH!

Ahhh...





ACCK!

Suffer in solitude no more. I shall show you what you were MEANT to be...



Huh?!

THE BRAT IS MUTE! SHE'S STUNNED BY OUR EMINENCE!

ACCK!



I SSSSHALL CLAIM HER SSSKULL NOW, MY FELLOW --



YOU TALK TOO MUCH

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MM

LADY... CAN YOU STAND?

I... WILL...

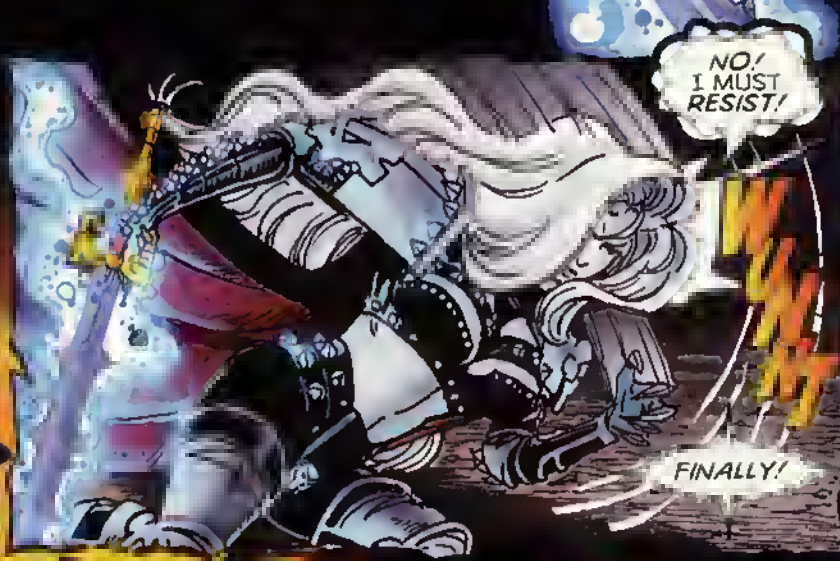
YES, my Fawns. Her PAIN is bottomless... and SO DELICIOUS.

...and I now sense... some SECRET within her...

...might UNLOCK the mystery of my true love lucifer's tragic FATE...

SHE IS RIPE...

...FOR TEMPTATION...



NO! I MUST RESIST!

FINALLY!

SHALL WE SAVE HER SKULL FOR POOR KOBAL MY PEERS?

YES... yes. Oh yes...

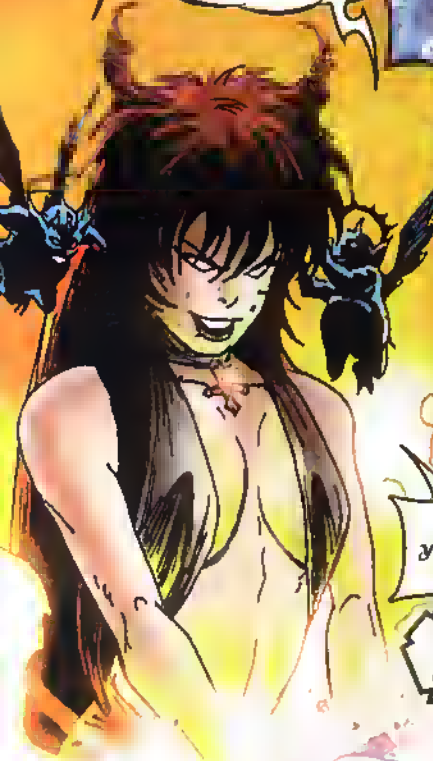
NO! I MUST RESIST!

COME CLOSER...

YESSS, COME!

WE GROW VERY HUNGRY WHEN WE HAVE TO WORK SO HARD...

PZZZZZZZZT



AND WE KNOW YOU LORDS OF HELL PRIDE YOURSELVES...

...ON YOUR EXCELLENT BLOODD!



No -- it CAN'T -- it's INCONCEIVABLE!

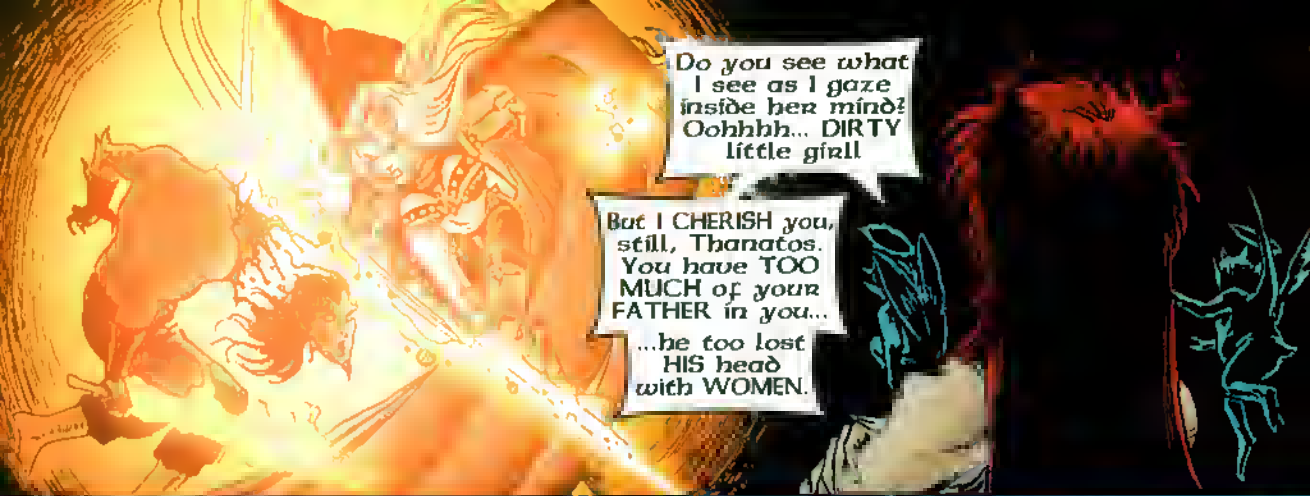
What you ARE, little Demon, what you TRULY are, why... THIS is sublimely... DREADFUL!

THIS changes EVERYTHING.



Won't dear LUCIFER be speechless when I tell HIM?

And won't the heavens SHUDDER?



Do you see what
I see as I gaze
inside her mind?
Oohhhh... DIRTY
little girl

But I CHERISH you,
still, Thanatos.
You have TOO
MUCH of your
FATHER in you...

...he too lost
HIS head
with WOMEN.

But thanks to YOU AND
Lady Demon, I'm now
INTIMATE with this one
who would be DEATH...

...and I, who have been
called forbidden fruit,
siren's song, temptation
in the FLESH...



I NOW know
how to TEMPT
even DEATH...

...and even
DEATH can
DIE!

Next:
DEATH
NO MORE!

THE CHAOS! TO COME

#6



YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! - MARCH '98

From the Crypt

Welcome. For the next couple of months I'm going to give some of our writers a chance to speak their mind. First up, Hart Fisher pitching you guys our series set to debut next month, *Dead King*. So without any further ado -

I'm a mercenary. I go where the war is. That's what they pay me for. To bring down the fear. To grab you by your neck and take you to the killing floor slippery with fresh grue. And when I got the call from the man behind the Chaos! I know it was going to be something ugly and cruel.

The man had a job. He had a little piece of pain that very few people would understand. A special something he wanted to birth for the rest of the world. A story to be told. A story about Homicide. A story about Kings. *Dead Kings*. So the man called me. Because I was born in the black. Because I was burned in the black. Because I died slow in the black. Because me and the man have an understanding of the dark things that skitter around in every fiend's mind. All those unborn sins. All those smashed down regrets. He wants me to take you there. Into his dark sandbox, more graveyard than playground. The man wants me to light up the sky with napalm and screams.

So that's what I did.

Me, Dave Brewer, Curtis Arnold, Roy Young, and a few other tasty ghouls have unearthed the birth of a darker hero. In a trial by fire, full of undead gangsta's chasing the all-mighty dollar even after death, through the gauntlet of a mad General's plans for demonic domination of the earth from a throne beneath the pentagon, Homicide is forged, remaking an Israeli special forces unit into his own steel cored image. *The Dead King* takes you, the reader, through a hail of shrapnel, guts and steaming entrails, leaving you thankful you are still alive after witnessing the ascendancy of Homicide as a player on the main floor of the Chaos! Cosmos and his crowning by Lords of Hell, The Council of Six, as the *Dead King*. Starting in April 1998, the world will get a just a little bit darker as the four issue Homicide mini-series, *Dead King*, is unleashed on an unsuspecting comic populace. Just the kind of terrorist act I love and relish. Four issues of bodies, undead rats hungry for living meat, commando kill squads, gladiator death matches, voodoo gang leaders and more action/horror twists than you can shake a femur at.

Writing *The Dead King* was a dirty little job. A nasty piece of work. And I loved every damned minute of it.

You better find it, before it finds you.

Creature of the black,

FROM THE

LOW DOWN

Lady Death #1 SOLD OUT

As of this writing (February 3, 1998) *Lady Death* #1 is sold out through the country. Readers have expressed their happiness at the Lady's return to Hell and her general return to her dark, cruel side. A limited amount of copies are available through the Chaos! Collector's Corner. Now that Chaos! is printing to order, expect the sell outs to continue.

CHAOS! CALENDAR COMING IN MAY

This May, painter Dimitrios Patelis brings his considerable talents to a monumental task: paint the Chaos! Cosmos. Undaunted, Dimitrios, who has painted trading cards for Fleer and CD covers for numerous bands, has launched into thirteen original paintings of your favorite Chaos! characters including Lady Death, Purgatori, Evil Ernie, Chastity, Jade, Homicide and many others. The calendar is magazine format and will retail for \$9.95.

SMILEY BLITZ SET

As mentioned last month, June 1998 is SMILEY month at Chaos! Comics. Yes, everybody's ever lovin', wise crackin' button buddy is getting a month of comics and cool merchandise dedicated solely to him. The Smiley one shot comic, called "Dream A little Dream" is written by Jesse Leon McGann (Pinky & The Brain) and illustrated by Ivan Reis (*Lady Death*: *Dragon War*, *The Mask*) and the cover is by Chaos!'s own Jolly Jack Gray. It answers the question: what goes on inside Smiley's mind? Also coming in June is a new Smiley T-shirt from Fashion Victim (the shirt will also be available in

Spencer's Gifts, Hot Topic and tons of record shops), a new Smiley button by Moore Creations, a Smiley Desk Top Pet, Smiley bumper sticker, Smiley Zippo lighter - and more! Stay tuned to Diamond Previews and other distributor catalogs for the low down! It's gonna be psychotic.

AL RIO SIGNED TO ILLUSTRATE PURGATORI MONTHLY

Chaos! Comics has signed illustrator Al Rio to an agreement to become the regular illustrator on the upcoming *Purgatori* monthly series. Rio, whose previous work includes *Gen 13* will adopt a "serious" style for the vampiric goddess' dark exploits.

"Al has done the covers to #1-#3 and the first batch of pages on number one. And the stuff looks dark and menacing," says Chaos! Publisher Brian Pulido. "Al is an illustrator who can adapt to many different artistic situations. This stuff is regal, elegant and dark."

Stay tuned to upcoming Chaos! Comics for extensive previews of the upcoming *Purgatori* monthly series, set to debut in September 1998.

CHAOS! ON TOUR 1998

Here's a few upcoming convention appearances. Be there. It is worth your time!

MEGA CON '98 - March 13-15

Orlando FL (call 407-599-0905 for info)

WORLD HORROR - May 7-9

Phoenix, AZ (call 602-945-6890 for info)

BIG APPLE CON - June 6

New York, NY (call 718-275-1567 for info)

JOIN THE FIEND CLUB

Want to get the inside track on all things Chaos!? Want to get information long before other people get it? Want to be part of a killer organization that celebrates readership like no other and culminates in a party at Halloween every year? Then join the Evil Ernie/Lady Death

Fiend Club. See the Ad in this comic for more info or call our customer service number toll free e for the low down 1 (888) CHADS13.

EVIL ERNIE VS. THE SUPER HEROES II COMING

This August, the sequel to perhaps the most beloved Evil Ernie adventure is coming. Yes, fiends you heard it right. Evil Ernie vs. The Super Heroes II is coming. There are a whole new batch of things to parody about Super Hero comics these days, so we just had to do it. The story is written by Hart Fisher (*Dead King*) and illustrated by Steven Butler (Cryptic Writings). It's gonna be mean and brutal, so be warned. The spandex clad crowd is gonna get it this summer.

ACTION FIGURE LINE II DECIDED

This summer, Moore Action Collectibles and Chaos! comics will unveil the second figure assortment of Chaos! action figures. After much consideration, they will be: *BATTLE ARMOR LADY DEATH*, *CREMATOIR* and *VANDALA*. Stay tuned for previews and more information as it becomes available.

Chastity ROCKED ON THE HORIZON

The sequel to the wildly popular, *Chastity*: Theater of Pain mini-series is on the way, set to debut this October, just in time for Halloween. *Rocked* will tell the story of *Chastity* in her old NYU days circa 1980, when she comes into conflict with the supernatural Yakuza and Jade, the vampire sorceress. This is inter cut with a story involving Jade in present day LA. *Chastity*: *Rocked* is written by Phil Nutman and illustrat-

ed by her designer, Justiniano. More to come in the months ahead.

BUZZ ON THE OMEN

Chaos! sent out a slew of preview copies of *THE OMEN* #1 to our regular letter writers and we were blown away by the response! Readers found it dark, but refreshing and epic in scope. The buzz is on. If *The Omen* attracts the attention we predict it will get, look for it to go monthly.

EVIL ERNIE DESTROYER! #1 #2 #3 #4 SOLD OUT

Evil Ernie is selling out across the country. Retailers are expressing heavy demand for back issues in certain territories. A limited amount of copies of EE: D are available through the Chaos! Collector's Corner.

UPCOMING ON-LINE CHATS

All chats will be in the Chaos! chatroom @ chaoscomics.com. You need netscape to get on.

APRIL 7th 9:00 EST

DAVID QUINN speaks about *Purgatori*

APRIL 14th 9:00 EST

PHIL NUTMAN speaks about Evil Ernie

APRIL 21st 9:00 EST

BRIAN PULIDD speaks about Chaos!

Watch this space for other upcoming special events!

CANCELLATIONS

To officially put it to rest, Chaos! Comics will not be publishing Chaos! Quarterly (though I'm sure you guessed that by now). Why? For the amount of time it took to produce and coordinate we might as well have made a mini-series. The price point (\$4.95) was touchy for a lot of people too. *Children of The Dead* is also canceled.

The CHAOS! To Come Checklist

March '98

- Lady Death #3 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie Destroyer #7 (of 9) \$2.95
- Lady Death: Dragon War \$2.95
- Chastity Sketchbook \$10.00
- Lady Death Lithograph \$25.00

April '98

- Lady Death #4 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie: Destroyer #8 \$2.95
- The Omen #1 (of 5) \$2.95 (ships with 6 variant covers)
- Dead King #1 (of 4) \$2.95 (ships with 1 variant covers)

May '98

- Lady Death #5 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie: Destroyer #9 (of 9) \$2.95
- The Omen #2 (of 5) \$2.95
- Dead King #2 (of 4) \$2.95
- Cryptic Writings of Megadeth #4 \$2.95
- 1999 Chaos! Calendar \$9.95

FIEND ALERT

Notice Chaos! Comics selling out quickly? Want your Chaos! comics? **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!** Pre-order Chaos! Comics at your local comic shop - or ask them to reserve you copies! New Policy - We print to order. No over runs. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

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Last Writes

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I'm fired up! Just freakin' fired up. Why, you ask? Well, as of today Lady Death #1 has hit the stands and early reports have it selling-out quickly. I love it when a plan comes together. Also, myself and David Quinn have finished the dialogue for Lady Death #2 and it is smokin'. I'm also psyched because we have a strong creative team for Lady Death's next story arc. We have David Quinn writing, and doing a bang up job. (I've edited #5 & #6. They are cool.) Mike Deodato, Jr. (Wonder Woman) is illustrating, and his stuff rules. I've dug his stuff since Wonder Woman. He's turned out killer stuff on LD. And this guy is quick. He pencils and inks 22 pages of story in three weeks - by himself. No studio mates, just himself. Our colorist is Elizabeth Lewis and if you don't know her name now, you WILL. She's outrageous.

So, all in all, I'm feelin' ready to go to war. Have a psychotic day.

CHAOS!

Greetings! I've been reading Lady Death since she first came out, and needless to say, she's been taking some unusual paths for the last year. During that time I began to take notice of some of the conflicts that the "Diva" has been going through. One thing that seriously concerns me about it, is her. I don't know, maybe it's just me, but just to stay in touch with what's going on with the current series, I go back and read all the prior releases that led up to the most current series. One difference that I saw in her was her attitude. In Lady Death: Between Heaven and Hell she was the "Queen of all that's dead and dying". Everybody in Hell knew this (and a few people here on Earth) and they were all afraid of her. They feared her. And no one ever questioned her. Why? Because of who she was. That was the level of respect that she had earned. Now, WHO CARES? Now she's become something that no one cares about, and no one fears her. No one respects her and now everyone questions her. It's like the only reason she's around is to serve as a punching bag for this "Judgment Era". I understand everything that's coming about, but is that any reason to take away everything that she is..?

"When a ruler loses control of those they control, either by fear or respect, why should they rule anything?"

Semper Fiend

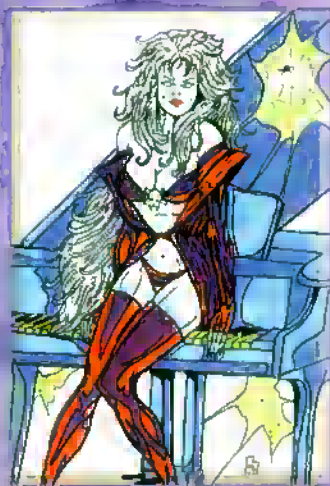
Yo, Semper. Lady Death has been through many challenges through the last couple of years, but she's back in top form - The bitch is back. I dragged her through some tough storylines because I wanted to see what she could stand up to. A lead character is defined by the struggles they've survived. What's in the future of LD? Stay tuned - monthly.

DEAR CHAOS!

Lady Death 0: Death Becomes Her --- This book proves what diehard fans of Lady Death have said all along: Lady Death had never died. This book showed what might have happened if Marion had not been killed by Mathias, actually this is the only "alternate universe" storyline I have wanted to see. Notwithstanding the Evil Ernie "What if?" books. While her life was not easy and she was still a warrior she had never embraced the darkness within her. Lady Death: Monthly Series --- While no book has yet come out, I have intensely followed the brief summaries given in Previews and a few other locations. Chaos! intends to start off the monthly series with a BANG! I am a little nervous that after issue # 5 Steven Hughes will not be doing the artwork for at least several issues. I am sure that you will not allow someone unworthy of the honor to do Lady Death. See Brian, I am living up to what I said earlier, at least trying to.

Always Sworn, Robert Hall
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

As I happily stated above, Mike Deodato,



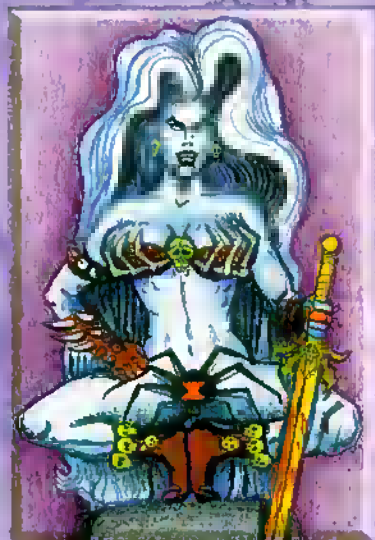
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It is taking over the illustrating. His storyline, The Harrowing, will take place in issues #5 - #8. Steven Hughes will be moving on to illustrate a key story line in issues #9 - #12. Then Mike Deodato returns to illustrate #13 - #16.

YO CHAOS!

I just wanted to show what a big fan of Lady Death and Chaos! I really am! I can't wait to see Lady Death each and every month!!

Big fan, Jim Demick
E. Rockwood, MI



Linda W. Fielder

Next Issue

Lady Death fights to unite Hell and with Nightmare, her possessed soul sword, she's willing to carve up anyone, anything that disagrees with her. Knowing that the judgement war is almost upon them, she attempts to rally the diabolical Archdukes of Hell. Instead, she encounters PAGAN, Hell's psychotic court jester and the creature responsible for banishing her from Hell in the first place. Amid the resulting carnage, LEVIATHA sabotages Lady Death in a very, very unexpected way, leaving her at the mercy of the Archdukes.

Brian Pulido

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